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## FOREWORD.

The object of this handbook is to give to the members of the Forest Service of district 1 a ready reference to the gist of the several criminal trespass laws, both Federal and State, having application on national forest lands and to the personal property of the Government. Instead of giving in full the text of each trespass law, it was deemed advisable to digest such laws, since it is felt that access to the full text of any statute is not necessary for the proper handling of a criminal trespass case by the field force.

While the various trespass statutes have been condensed, it is believed that forest officers can acquire a comprehensive knowledge, from the digest, of the substance of the trespass laws which they are required to enforce. With this knowledge in their possession, forest officers ought to be able to apply it intelligently to the facts of a criminal trespass case. The big things for forest officers to learn relative to law enforcement are the substance of criminal trespass statutes, the best methods of investigation, and how to identify material evidence of the offense committed.

The technical work of handling criminal trespass cases conformably to the rules of practice in justices' and probate courts is generally attended to by the local county or prosecuting attorney, after consultation with the forest employee making the complaint.

However, it frequently happens that a criminal trespass case is tried before some justice of the peace, situated in an isolated locality, where it is inconvenient for the county attorney to attend. On occasions of this kind, the complaining forest officer or employee should have sufficient knowledge of criminal procedure to assist the justice in handling the case properly. Justices of the peace and probate judges generally rely on the prosecuting officer of the county to advise them in matters of this kind. Many



of them, however, handle the criminal trespass cases brought before them without assistance from the county or prosecuting attorney. Whenever, therefore, a justice of the peace or probate judge is willing to proceed with the trial of a person charged with an offense within the jurisdiction of the court, the local forest officer should present the evidence of guilt of the accused in its natural order, so that the justice's or probate court, as the case may be, may understand fully the facts relied upon to prove the guilt of the offender.

To enable forest officers to conduct the prosecution of an offender in the inferior courts referred to, an effort has been made in this digest to define the ordinary steps to be taken to comply with the statutory requirements. These are very simple and with a little study can be comprehended easily by any forest employee. If the offense committed be a felony under the State law, the accused must be tried in the district or superior court for the county where the crime was committed.

The codes of the various States contain more or less detailed outlines of criminal procedure applicable in justices' and probate courts. Notes on the criminal practice of Montana and Idaho are embraced in this book, for the guidance of forest officers. Generally speaking, these rules are framed for the protection of the accused. Hence it is that strict adherence to them by the prosecuting officer and the court is necessary. The prosecution is always required to prove the guilt of the accused beyond a reasonable doubt, and hearsay or opinion evidence, which is generally inadmissible, is not sufficient to establish a case under this rule.

The important part of law-enforcement work is investigation. In order properly to investigate a given case, the forest officer should have some idea of what constitutes evidence of the facts to be established. In this digest there is a brief summary of the nature and principles of evidence, followed by some useful hints on investigation. Experience has shown that some forest officers have unwittingly failed to appreciate the evi-



dentiary nature of things and events connected with criminal trespass cases until opportunity for collecting definite information regarding them has vanished. It is realized, of course, that special talent is required for thorough investigative work, and not every forest officer can be a professional in this line. However, each one can improve his opportunity through a willingness to learn something of the commoner methods employed by experts.

It may require more time to put a case through a Federal court than a State court. When the offense charged is against a Federal statute, the first step in the proceeding, after the arrest of the offender, where arrest is considered necessary to prevent his escape, is a preliminary hearing before a United States commissioner, who, upon a showing of probable cause, will commit the defendant to jail or admit him to bail pending action of the grand jury; after this the case is usually referred to the United States Attorney General, who forwards it to the proper United States attorney for presentation to a Federal grand jury. But where prompt action is necessary, the case may be taken up directly by the assistant to the solicitor with the United States attorney, since the latter has general authority to proceed in criminal matters without instructions from Washington. If the accused is indicted, he is generally tried at the following term of the United States district court. Consequently, the presence of Government witnesses may in some instances be required on three different occasions to comply with the Federal procedure. If the crime is a misdemeanor (an offense not punishable by death or imprisonment exceeding one year or at hard labor), the United States attorney may begin criminal action in the district court by what is known as an information without first obtaining an indictment. A preliminary hearing before a United States commissioner is not necessary in any case unless the accused has been arrested and, unless necessary, is inadvisable, since it adds to the expense and discloses the Government's case.

The aid of the local justice or probate court may be invoked in criminal trespass cases unless the act committed is a serious offense for which the State law does not afford an adequate penalty, or the act is not a violation of State law.

If the offender should be prosecuted in a Federal court, a trespass report following in general Form 874-20 should be submitted to the district forester for reference to the assistant to the solicitor for consideration before any court proceedings are initiated, unless the immediate arrest of the offender is necessary to protect the interests of the United States, or the trespasser is likely to escape or remove from the jurisdiction.

Forest officers and employees are empowered by statute to make arrests without warrant for offenses committed in their presence against the national forest laws or regulations. With a warrant, a forest officer or employee may make arrests for offenses against national forest laws and regulations committed in or out of his presence. As a general proposition, however, it is always safer to secure a warrant from a United States commissioner or from a justice of the peace or probate judge or other magistrate and use it as a visible sign of authority to make the arrest. Only in rare cases is it necessary to make an arrest without a warrant. When it is made under the stress of circumstances, a full report of the facts of the trespass and of the action taken should be submitted immediately to the district forester, so that the assistant to the solicitor may attend the preliminary hearing before the United States commissioner or the magistrate before whom the prisoner will be required to appear. If it be unusually difficult or impracticable in a criminal trespass case to assemble all the facts and have them in the hands of the district forester in time for proper consideration prior to the preliminary hearing, a partial report should be sent by ordinary mail or night letter telegram.

Forest officers are not authorized to make arrests for offenses against Federal laws not applicable to national forests. United States marshals and their deputies are charged with this duty.

The right of national forest employees to make arrests with or without warrant for violation of State fire, game, and other trespass laws is defined by the statutes of each State within this district. Laws on these subjects are to a degree dissimilar, and forest officers selected as deputy fire or game wardens should consult this manual, under "Criminal procedure" in Montana and Idaho, in order to be sure of their authority in this regard. When an arrest is made by a forest employee acting in his capacity of State deputy game or fire warden, the offender should be taken before a justice or probate court having jurisdiction, for immediate trial, and all facts and evidence should be submitted promptly to the prosecuting attorney of the county where the offense was committed. If the offense be one over which the justice or probate court has no jurisdiction to impose punishment, the offender will be committed to jail or bound over for trial in a higher court of the State. Every assistance possible should be given to the prosecuting attorney in handling the case.

The fees of witnesses and other expenses incidental to a criminal trespass trial in a State court are paid by the county in which the offense was committed. These expenditures do not include the costs of investigation, and, as a rule, are limited to those incurred after the State court has acquired jurisdiction of the offender through the issuance of a warrant for his arrest, or his voluntary appearance for trial. Sometimes the State law limits the number of witnesses to appear for the prosecution at the expense of the county, subject to the right of the presiding judge to increase the number should the administration of justice demand it. A similar rule is in force for preliminary hearings in criminal trespass cases before United States commissioners.

A forest employee will be reimbursed from forest funds for necessary expenses incurred in taking an offender arrested without warrant before the justice or other State court for formal accusation. After the filing of the formal criminal charges against the accused the court acquires jurisdiction and all subsequent costs are legally chargeable to the county. Under special agreements the fish



and game bureaus of Montana and Idaho have consented to reimburse forest employees for certain expenses necessary in making arrests without warrant for violations of the fish and game laws. (See circular letters on this subject. Examine also Circular Letter O-991, relative to the reimbursement of Government witnesses which can not be legally made by the county.)

In order that forest employees may become familiar with the form and substance of the simpler papers used in criminal practice, before district, justices', and probate courts and before United States commissioners, such as affidavits, complaints, warrants of arrest, search warrants, subpoenas, commitments, etc., specimen copies are printed in this book.

This handbook is divided into four parts. Part I contains the substance of Federal criminal statutes and regulations concerning fire, game, property, timber, occupancy, grazing, and miscellaneous trespasses.

Part II covers the laws of Montana on the same subjects, although the lines of classification of the different trespasses are not so clearly marked.

The trespass laws of Idaho are treated in Part III.

Part IV contains a substantial outline of criminal procedure applicable to hearings before United States commissioners, justices of the peace, and probate courts in Idaho, and before justices' courts in Montana. To this have been added hints on investigative methods, a short explanation of the nature of evidence, and a number of specimen criminal forms in use by United States commissioners and State magistrates. An index completes the work.

It is realized that this manual will not supply full information to fit the divergent facts of every trespass case likely to develop in the field. It is felt, however, that it will be of material help to the field force in the prosecution of trespass cases, if its contents are carefully studied and noted, notwithstanding its limited scope. If a forest employee is in doubt as to how to proceed in any instance and the manual does not contain the help he desires, he should ask the district forester for instructions.

## PART I.

### DIGEST OF FEDERAL FIRE LAWS.

*United States Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1088).*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 37. It is unlawful for two or more persons to conspire to set on fire any timber or forested lands of the United States.	Fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both.
SECTION 52. Willfully setting on fire or causing to be set on fire any timber, brush, or grass, on the public domain, etc.	Fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both.
SECTION 52. Leaving a fire to burn unattended near any timber or inflammable material on the public domain, etc.	The same.
SECTION 53. Building a fire in or near any forest, timber, or other inflammable material upon the public domain and leaving the same before it is totally extinguished.	Fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

*Regulation T-1 of the Secretary of Agriculture made pursuant to act of June 4, 1897. (30 Stat. 35).*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
A. Setting on fire, or causing to be set on fire, any timber, bush, or grass on national forest lands without authority from a forest officer.	Fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.
B. Building on national forest lands a camp fire in leaves, rotten wood, or other places where it is likely to spread, or against large or hollow logs or stumps where it is difficult to extinguish it completely.	The same.

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
C. Building on national forest lands a campfire in a dangerous place, or during windy weather, without confining it to holes or cleared spaces from which all vegetable material has been removed.	Fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.
D. Leaving a camp fire without completely extinguishing it.	The same.
E. Building a camp fire on those portions of a National Forest withdrawn, without a permit, etc.	The same.
F. Using steam engines or steam locomotives, in timber-sale operations, etc., without approved spark arresters, unless oil is exclusively used for fuel.	The same.
G. Molesting, disturbing, interfering with by intimidation, threats, assaults, or otherwise any person engaged in the protection, preservation, etc., of the National Forests.	The same.

## DIGEST OF FEDERAL GAME LAWS.

*Act of July 3, 1918 (40 Stat. 755).*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
It is unlawful to hunt, capture, kill, attempt to take, capture, or kill, possess, offer for sale, sell, offer to purchase, purchase, deliver for shipment, ship, cause to be shipped, deliver for transportation, transport, cause to be transported, receive for shipment or export any migratory bird, or any part, nest, or egg of any such bird, except as authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture.	A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

## OFFENSE.

The regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, so far as Idaho and Montana are concerned, permit the hunting of waterfowl (except wood ducks and swans), coots, gallinules, Wilson snipe, rails, black-bellied and golden plovers, and greater and lesser yellowlegs from September 16 to December 31, inclusive, and mourning doves in Idaho from September 1 to December 15, inclusive, from half hour before sunrise to sunset, and when lawfully taken they may be possessed during the 10 days immediately succeeding the close of the open season. Such birds may be killed only with a gun fired from the shoulder, and may be hunted with the aid of a dog, blind or floating device (other than an airplane, power boat, sail boat, any boat under sail, or any floating device towed by a power boat or sail boat), or decoys. The bag limit for one day is:

Ducks of all kinds.....	25
Geese.....	8
Brant.....	8
Rails, coots, and gallinules (in the aggregate).....	25
Sora.....	50
Black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs (in the aggregate).	15
Wilson snipe.....	25
Mourning doves.....	25

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both

NOTE.—The Bureau of Biological Survey is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing this law, and that bureau or its field representatives should be informed of any infractions noted by forest employees.



*United States Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1088).*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 242. It is unlawful for any person to deliver to a common carrier for transportation, or for a common carrier to transport, from one State to another, the dead bodies or parts of any wild animal or bird killed or shipped in violation of the laws of the State where killed or from which shipped.	A fine of not exceeding \$200.
SECTION 243. All packages containing dead bodies, plumage, or parts of game animals or wild birds, when shipped in interstate or foreign commerce must be plainly and clearly marked on the outside with the name and address of the shipper and nature of the contents.	The same.
SECTION 84. It is unlawful to hunt, trap, capture, willfully disturb, or kill a bird of any kind on any lands of the United States set apart by law, proclamation, or executive order as a bird reserve or breeding ground, except under regulations made by the Secretary of Agriculture.	A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

*Regulation T-7, of the Secretary of Agriculture.*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
It is unlawful to go or be upon national forest lands, or in the waters thereof, with intent to hunt, catch, trap, or kill, etc., any game animal, game or non-game bird, or fish, or to take the eggs of any such bird, in violation of the laws of the State where the lands or waters are situated.	A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

# DIGEST OF FEDERAL PROPERTY TRESPASS LAWS.

*United States Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1088).*

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 46. It is unlawful to rob another of any kind or description of personal property belonging to the United States, or feloniously to take or carry away the same.

A fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both.

SECTION 47. It is unlawful to embezzle, steal, or purloin any money, property, record, voucher, etc., of the United States.

A fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both.

SECTION 48. It is unlawful to conceal, receive, or aid in concealing, or retain in possession any money, property, record, or voucher, etc., which had theretofore been embezzled, stolen, or purloined.

The same.

SECTION 56. It is unlawful knowingly to open any gate, or destroy the same or any fence, hedge, or wall inclosing lands of the United States which have been reserved or purchased pursuant to law, or to drive stock, etc., on such lands.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

SECTION 57. It is unlawful to remove, deface, destroy, or change, any section corner, witness tree, or meander post on any Government line of survey, or any monument or bench mark.

A fine of not more than \$250, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 60. It is unlawful willfully or maliciously to injure or destroy any telephone or telegraph line or part thereof, the property of the United States, or obstruct, delay, or hinder the transmission of any communication over such lines.

A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both.

SECTIONS, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 96, 97. It is unlawful for any person in possession of, or any disbursing officer of the United States, or a person acting as such to

A fine of not more than the amount embezzled, or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both.

## OFFENSE.

convert to his own use money or property of the United States, or loan or deposit in any place public money, except as authorized by law.

SECTION 128. It is unlawful to conceal, remove, obliterate, steal, or destroy any map, record, book, proceeding, paper, or document on file in any public office, or filed with any judicial or public officer of the United States.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$2,000, or imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both.

*Act of June 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225).*

## OFFENSE.

It is unlawful to appropriate, excavate, injure, or destroy any prehistoric ruin or monument upon lands owned or controlled by the United States, without the permission of the secretary of the department having jurisdiction of the lands.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

*Regulation T-3, of the Secretary of Agriculture.*

## OFFENSE.

It is unlawful to violate the terms of Regulation T-3, which applies only to national forest lands and property. This regulation makes it unlawful to tear down, or deface a Forest Service notice, or destroy, molest, injure, or disturb property used or acquired for use in the administration of the national forests, to damage roads or trails under the jurisdiction of the service, or to mutilate, deface, or destroy objects of natural beauty or scenic value on national forest lands. The going or being upon such lands with intent to destroy, molest, injure, or disturb property used, or acquired for use by the United States in the administration of the forests, is forbidden.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

**DIGEST OF FEDERAL TIMBER TRESPASS LAWS.***U. S. Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1088).*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 49. It is unlawful to cut, wantonly destroy, or cause to be destroyed any timber growing on the public lands of the United States, or to remove or export the same.	A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.
SECTION 50. It is unlawful to cut, injure, or destroy wantonly any tree growing or standing upon lands of the United States reserved by law or regulations, etc.	A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.
SECTION 51. It is unlawful to cut, box, chip, or chop any tree on land of the United States for the purpose of collecting pitch or turpentine, etc.	The same.

*Regulation T-5, of the Secretary of Agriculture.*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
It is unlawful to violate any of the provisions of Regulation T-5, which applies only to timber on national forest lands.	A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

**DIGEST OF FEDERAL OCCUPANCY TRESPASS LAWS.***Act of February 25, 1885 (23 Stat. 321).*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
It is unlawful for any person, party, association, or corporation to inclose any public land of the United States, or to maintain such inclosure, without color of title or lawful claim, etc., or to advise, counsel, or assist in the inclosure of or maintenance of the inclosure of such lands.	A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not exceeding 1 year, or both.



*Regulation T-8 of the Secretary of Agriculture.*

## OFFENSE.

It is unlawful to violate any of the provisions of Regulation T-8, which prohibits the squatting or settlement on national forest lands, or the maintenance or construction of any works, or any business enterprise, or any fence, structure, or inclosure, without a permit. This has no application to road construction by States and counties.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

*Regulation P-4 of the Secretary of Agriculture.*

## OFFENSE.

It is unlawful to violate any of the provisions of Regulation P-4, which applies only to national forest lands. This regulation prohibits having or leaving in an exposed or insanitary condition camp refuse or debris, or depositing any polluted substance or substance likely to cause pollution in any of the streams, lakes, or waters within or bordering on national forests.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

## DIGEST OF FEDERAL GRAZING TRESPASS LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

*Regulation T-6 of the Secretary of Agriculture.*

## OFFENSE.

It is unlawful to violate any of the provisions of Regulation T-6, which prohibits the grazing upon or driving across national forest lands of any live stock without permit, or grazing stock on closed area, etc., or handling stock contrary to the terms of a permit.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

*Act of May 29, 1884 (23 Stat. 32).*

## OFFENSE.

It is unlawful for any railroad company or the owners of any steam or sailing vessel to receive for transportation or to transport from any State to another any live stock affected with any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, or for any person to deliver to any railroad company or owner of a vessel for transportation stock so infected. It is also unlawful to drive infected cattle from one State to another.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

*Act of February 2, 1903 (32 Stat. 792).*

## OFFENSE.

It is unlawful to violate any of the terms of the stock sanitary regulations, made by the Secretary of Agriculture, to prevent the introduction or dissemination of contagious, infectious, or communicable animal diseases through the movement of stock from one State to another.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

**MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL TRESPASS LAWS.***U. S. Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1088).*

## OFFENSE.

SECTION 32. It is unlawful for any person falsely to assume or pretend to be an officer or employee of the United States, with intent to defraud the United States or any person, or to demand or obtain in such pretended character any money, paper, document, or other valuable thing.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both.

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 31. It is unlawful to administer oaths, or to take and certify acknowledgments relative to any bond, contract, proposal, undertaking, or other matter in which an oath is required by law or regulation, unless the person taking such oath be present.	A fine of not more than \$2,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both.
SECTION 37. It is unlawful for two or more persons to conspire either to commit an offense against the United States, or to defraud the United States in any manner or for any purpose, and if one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each of the persons involved is criminally liable.	A fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both.
SECTION 125. <i>Perjury</i> .—Any person who takes an oath required by a Federal statute to testify and depose truthfully is guilty of perjury if, willfully and contrary to such oath, he testifies or subscribes falsely as to any material fact.	A fine of not more than \$2,000, or imprisonment for not more than 5 years.
SECTION 40. It is unlawful to take or carry away without authority from the United States, from the place where it is filed or kept by authority of the United States, any certificate, affidavit, deposition, written statement of facts, receipt, voucher, record, or paper, etc., with intent to use it to procure payment of money from the United States.	A fine of not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both.
SECTION 58. The use of threats or force to hinder, interrupt, or prevent the survey of public lands is forbidden.	A fine of not more than \$3,000, or imprisonment for not more than 3 years.



## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 98. Contracting to pay for the construction, repairing, or furnishing of a public building more than the amount appropriated for such purpose is illegal.

SECTION 39. Whoever shall promise, offer, or give any money or other valuable thing to any officer of the United States with intent to influence his decision or action on any question, matter, cause, or proceeding pending before him is guilty of a felony.

SECTION 85. Any officer or employee of the United States, who under color of his employment commits any act of extortion, is guilty of a crime.

SECTION 136. It is unlawful for two or more persons to conspire to deter by force, intimidation, or threat any person from testifying for the United States fully and truthfully in any court of the United States, or before any United States commissioner.

SECTION 118 - 122. It is legally wrong for any Federal officer or employee to solicit or receive any money from any other Federal officer or employee, or to degrade, discharge, or promote any Federal employee for failing to make any political contribution. It is also contrary to law for a Federal officer or for any one to solicit funds in a public building for political purposes.

A fine of not more than \$2,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years.

A fine equal to three times the value of the thing offered, promised, or given, and imprisonment for not more than 3 years.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

A fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than 6 years, or both.

A fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both.

## PART II.

### DIGEST OF MONTANA FIRE TRESPASS AND BRUSH DISPOSAL LAWS.

*Revised Code of 1921.*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 11476. It is unlawful for any one willfully and maliciously to burn any bridge valued at more than \$50, or any building, snowshed, vessel, grain stack, growing or standing grain, grass, tree, or fence, not his property.	Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 1 year nor more than 10 years.
SECTION 1834. Failure of any paid fire warden (and sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, game wardens, and deputy game wardens are deemed paid fire wardens) to prosecute, etc., for violations of the law.	Fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000, or imprisonment in county jail for not less than 10 days nor more than 12 months, or both, and forfeiture of office.
SECTION 1835. Failure of able-bodied citizens between the ages of 18 and 50 years, <i>residing in the vicinity</i> , on formal request of a fire warden, to assist in putting out fires, <i>except for good and sufficient reason</i> , it being provided that no citizen shall be called upon to fight fire a total of more than five days in one year.	Fine not less than \$15 nor more than \$50, or imprisonment in county jail for not less than 1 nor more than 30 days, or both.
SECTION 1838. Destroying, defacing, removing, or disfiguring fire notices posted under provisions of the act.	Fine of not less than \$15 nor more than \$250, or imprisonment in county jail for not less than 10 days nor more than 3 months, or both.
SECTION 1839. Failure of county attorney to prosecute upon proper complaint filed with him, for a violation of the act, etc., or of any magistrate.	Fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 and his office declared vacant by the district court.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 2765. No person (except a settler who is clearing his land for agricultural purposes not including the burning of slashings, or in case brush to be burned is piled up and there is a clear space of 30 feet around such pile) shall burn any forest material from June 1 to September 30, inclusive, without first obtaining a written permit from the State forester, a warden, or a ranger.

Setting out a fire contrary to the terms of the permit.

Setting out a fire more than 10 days after date of permit.

Setting out the fire when the wind is blowing to such an extent as to cause danger of the fire spreading beyond control of the person setting it.

Setting out a fire without sufficient tools and help present at the time of setting it out, and thereafter to control it.

Failure of the person setting out the fire to watch it until it is out.

SECTION 2766. Any person who shall *set* or *leave* any fire on any land within the State which shall spread and damage or destroy property of any kind *not his own*.

Any person who shall maliciously set a fire on his own or on another's land with intent to destroy property not his own, etc.

Kindling a camp fire during the closed season, on land not his own, in or dangerously near any forest material, and leaving the same unquenched.

Fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in county jail for not less than 10 days or more than 90 days, or both.

The same.

The same.

The same.

The same.

The same.

Fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$500.

Felony. Imprisonment in the State penitentiary for not less than 1 year nor more than 50 years.

Fine not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 60 days.

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
Throwing away any lighted cigar, cigarette, or matches, or using firearms, or any other act which shall start a fire in forest material not his own, and leaving the same unquenched.	Fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not exceeding 60 days.
SECTION 2768. For failure of any magistrate having jurisdiction to prosecute for the violation of the act.	Fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 and dismissal from office.
SECTION 2769. Any person who shall set or leave any fire on his own or on another's land that shall spread and damage or destroy property of any kind not his own, etc.	Liable in a civil suit for all damages caused thereby: also for all costs and expenses incurred by the State of Montana, or by any forestry association, or by any person in extinguishing or preventing the spread of such fire.
SECTION 2771. Any person, firm, or corporation (except actual settler clearing his land for agricultural purposes, not including the burning of slashings) failing to burn or otherwise dispose of within 1 year from date of cuttings, brush, slashings, and other inflammable material resulting from timber cuttings.	Fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 90 days, or both.
SECTION 2772. Failure to dispose of or burn within 2 years of date of this act, brush slashing and inflammable material resulting from cuttings made since October 1, 1918.	The same.
SECTION 2773. Burning such brush slashing, or other inflammable material from June 1 to September 30, inclusive, without obtaining a permit in writing from State forester or any of his subordinates.	The same.
Violations of the terms of the permit or the rules and regulations for burning.	The same.
Failure of actual settler to obtain permit to burn slashings.	The same.



# DIGEST OF THE FISH AND GAME LAW OF MONTANA.

*Revised Code of 1921.*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 3716. It is unlawful to have in possession any seine, net, or similar device for capturing fish.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 days nor more than 180 days, or both.
NOTE.—This does not apply to owners of private fish ponds as defined under the statute, nor to persons having unexpired seine or net license: nor does it apply to a landing net used in connection with a fishing pole.	
SECTION 3717. Catching, stunning, or killing fish with the aid of giant powder, or other explosive compound, or through the use of corrosive or narcotic poison or other deleterious substance is prohibited.	A fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 6 months nor more than 1 year.
SECTION 3718. It is unlawful for any person or corporation operating a sawmill on or near any stream, pond, lake, or river to deposit sawdust, bark, shavings, oil, ashes, cinders, or débris in any of such waters or in any place where such débris is likely to be carried into such waters.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail, for not less than 10 days nor more than 180 days, or both.
SECTION 3719. Killing or capturing moose, bison, buffalo, caribou, or antelope at any time is forbidden.	The same.
SECTION 3720. Chasing with dogs any deer, elk, moose, buffalo, caribou, antelope, mountain goat, or mountain sheep is prohibited.	The same.
SECTION 3721. Trapping for the purpose of sale or domestication of any buffalo, elk, moose, mountain sheep, or mountain goat is forbidden.	The same.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

AMD. SECTION 3742. It is unlawful to  
3 23 sell or offer for sale any game  
animal or bird, or part thereof,  
except that game specimens may  
be sold under permit from the  
State game warden.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more  
than \$500, or imprisonment in  
the county jail for not less than  
10 days nor more than 180 days,  
or both.

SECTION 3722. Trapping or killing  
of beaver without a special license  
from the State game warden is  
forbidden.

The same.

Failure to make written report of  
the number of beaver killed and  
the manner in which they were  
disposed of, within 30 days of  
the date of such killing, to the  
State fish and game warden is  
a misdemeanor.

The same.

Killing or capturing of marten is  
prohibited except under special  
license from the State fish and  
game warden. The period with-  
in which the killing of marten  
may be legally authorized is  
from September 15 to May 1.

The same.

SECTION 3679. Any person, firm,  
or corporation violating any rule,  
regulation, or order of the State  
fish and game commission made  
pursuant to law, or any officer  
who fails to enforce the fish and  
game laws, is guilty of a crime.

A fine of not more than \$300, or by  
imprisonment in the county jail  
for not more than 90 days, or  
both, and forfeiture of license.

SECTION 3682. It is unlawful for  
any person to take, hunt, shoot,  
pursue, or kill any game, game  
birds, or animals without first  
having procured a license, and  
in the manner and within the  
period prescribed by law.

A fine of not more than \$500 nor  
less than \$25, or by imprisonment  
in the county jail for not less than  
10 days nor more than 180 days,  
or both, and forfeiture of license  
for not less than 1 year.

NOTE.—Game animals are defined by law as deer, elk, moose,  
antelope, bison or buffalo, caribou, mountain sheep, and mountain  
goat. Game birds are quail, Chinese pheasant, Hungarian pheasant,  
partridge, wood duck, curlew, swan, loon, turtle dove, grouse, prairie  
chicken, sage hen, sage grouse, fool hen, pheasant, wild geese, wild  
ducks, and brant.

## OFFENSE.

Taking fur-bearing animals with traps or other devices without a license is forbidden by law.

NOTE.—Fur-bearing animals are defined by law as marten, otter, fox, sable, muskrat, and fisher.

It is unlawful to take, capture, or fish without having first procured a license.

SECTION 3684. It is unlawful to misrepresent any facts as to citizenship or alienage with intent to obtain any kind of a license for a fee less than that established by law.

NOTE.—Licenses are classified as: (a) resident, general; (b) non-resident, general; (c) nonresident, limited; (d) nonresident, fishing; (e) alien, general; (f) alien, fishing; (g) trapper's.

SECTION 3689. No person to whom a license has been issued shall be entitled to take fish, birds, or animals of the species specified in the act unless at the time of taking he shall have such license in his possession.

To refuse to exhibit a license on the request of a warden or other officer or person is unlawful.

NOTE: Persons under 15 years of age may hunt and fish during the open season without a license.

SECTION 3692. It is illegal to alter or change in a material manner, or loan, or transfer to another a license, or to make any false statement in an application for a license.

SECTION 3694. Capturing, shooting, killing, or attempting to capture or kill any game animal or bird from an automobile, or with the aid of any set gun, light, trap, snare, or other device (not including blinds or overdecoys in shooting wild water fowl) is forbidden.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 180 days, or both.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 180 days, or both.

The same.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 180 days, or both, and forfeiture of license for a period of not less than 1 year.

The same.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 180 days, or both, and forfeiture of license for a period of not less than 1 year.

The same.



## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

It is contrary to law to kill or hunt game animals or birds from any airplane, power boat, sail boat, or any floating device towed by a power or sail boat.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 180 days, or both, and forfeiture of license for not less than 1 year.

It is unlawful for a person to have in his possession in forest or field while hunting any device designed to silence or muffle or minimize the report of a firearm.

The same.

It is unlawful to catch in the *public waters* of Montana in any one day more than 50 game fish of a gross weight of 25 pounds, and not more than 10 of such fish shall be less than 6 inches in length. It is unlawful for a person to have in his or her possession at any time more than 50 game fish of a gross weight of 25 pounds.

The same.

It is unlawful to catch any game fish through ice.

The same.

NOTE. Game fish are defined as mountain trout, rainbow trout, eastern brook trout, grayling, Rocky Mountain whitefish, steelhead trout, black bass, Dolly Varden trout, and Lock Levin trout.

For law relative to the taking of fish from ponds or lakes privately owned or controlled, see section 14a of chapter 238, Montana Session Laws of 1921.

SECTION 3696. The killing, shooting, hunting, or capturing of any elk between the 15th day of November of any year and the 15th day of October of the following year, or the killing, shooting, hunting, or capturing of more than one elk, or the leaving in the field or woods of any portion of an elk suitable for food is forbidden.

A fine of not more than \$1,000 nor less than \$500, or by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than 6 months nor more than 1 year, or both, and forfeiture of license for a period of not less than 1 year.

The hunting, killing, shooting, or capturing of elk at any time within the counties closed by law and not subsequently de-

It is doubtful if a violation of this portion of the section is more than a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor

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clared open for hunting by the Fish and Game Commission.

## PENALTY.

more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 days nor more than 180 days, or both, and forfeiture of license for a period of not less than 1 year.

NOTE.—All counties of the State are closed for elk hunting throughout the year, except Flathead, Park, Sweet Grass, Teton, Pondera, Glacier, and Madison Counties, and that portion of Lewis and Clark County drained by the South Fork of the Flathead River, and that part lying north of the Dearborn River not included in a game preserve. Hunting is permitted also during the open season in those parts of Missoula and Powell Counties lying west of the North Fork of the Big Blackfoot River and north of the Main Big Blackfoot River west of the confluence of the two streams. Also, hunting during the open season is allowed in those portions of Missoula and Powell Counties drained by the waters of the South Fork of the Flathead River and within those portions of Missoula County lying east of Belmont Creek from its source, north of the Big Blackfoot River and east of the confluence of said Belmont Creek with the Big Blackfoot River at the west end of Nine Mile Prairie, also that portion of Missoula County drained by streams flowing into Swan River, also that portion of Gallatin County north of the North Fork of Sixteen Mile Creek.

SECTION 3697. It is unlawful to hunt, shoot, kill, or capture any deer in the closed season or more than one deer with visible horns in the open season, or to kill or capture at any time any female deer.

A fine of not more than \$500 nor less than \$25, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 180 days, or both, and forfeiture of license for not less than 1 year.

NOTE.—The open season for deer hunting is from November 1 to December 1, inclusive of each year in a limited number of counties in Montana.

SECTION 3698. The law declares it to be a misdemeanor to destroy evidence of the sex of any deer killed.

A fine of not more than \$500 nor less than \$25, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 180 days, or both, and forfeiture of license for not less than 1 year.

SECTION 3699. It is illegal to hunt, shoot, kill, or capture any Rocky Mountain sheep or goat in any part of Montana prior to October 1, 1926.

The same.

## OFFENSE.

SECTION 3700. Under this section the hunting, shooting, killing, or capturing of quail, Chinese pheasant, Hungarian pheasant, wood duck, eurlaw, swan, loon, or turtle dove at any time or place within the State is prohibited.

SECTION 3701. It is unlawful to hunt, shoot, kill, or capture any grouse, prairie chicken, sage hen, sage grouse, fool hen, pheasant, or partridge, except from October 1 to October 15 inclusive of each year, and then it is lawful only in the counties of Flathead, Missoula, Lincoln, and Sanders before September 15, 1923. It is illegal, too, for any person to shoot, kill, or capture in any one day more than five birds of any kind, or for any person to have in possession more than five of any kind at any one time.

NOTE.—The Fish and Game Commission of Montana has discretionary power to close any territory for hunting or fishing and to modify the law relative to closed or open periods (Chap. 193, Session Laws, 1921).

SECTION 3703. It is unlawful to hunt, shoot, kill, or capture any wild geese, wild duck, or brant, except from the 16th day of September of any year to the 1st of January of the following year, or to shoot, kill, or capture more than 20 ducks, 8 geese, or 8 brant.

SECTION 3704. The law prohibits the shooting, killing, trapping, or capturing of marten, otter, fox, sable, muskrat, or fisher, except from the 1st day of November of any year to the 1st day of April of the following year.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$500 nor less than \$25, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 180 days, or both, and forfeiture of license for a period of not less than 1 year.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 180 days, or both, and forfeiture of license for not less than 1 year.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 days nor more than 180 days, or both, and forfeiture of license for a period of not less than 1 year.

The same.



OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTIONS 3761 TO 3770. Violation of the terms of the laws which created the Flathead, Gallatin, Highwood, Powder River, Pryor Mountain, Snow Creek, Snowy Mountain, Sun River, and Twin Buttes Game Preserves.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 days nor more than 180 days, or both.
SECTIONS 3771 AND 3772. Violation of the provisions of the law which created the South Moccasin Game Preserve.	A fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days, or both.
SECTIONS 3775 AND 3776. Violation of the provisions of the law which created the Beaverhead Fish and Game Preserve.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.
SECTIONS 3773 AND 3774. Violation of the provisions of the Act which created the Blackleaf Game and Bird Preserve.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 100 days, or both.

NOTE.—Should any Forest officer desire to be informed of the boundaries of any of the Game Preserves of Montana, he should request the information from the District Forester.

## DIGEST OF MONTANA PROPERTY TRESPASS LAWS.

*Revised Code of 1921.*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 11345. Maliciously burning in the nighttime an inhabited building in which there is at the time some human being.	Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 5 years.
Maliciously burning with intent to destroy any building, house, edifice, structure, vessel, railroad car, tent, camp wagon, sheep wagon, or other erection capable of affording shelter.	Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 1 nor more than 10 years.
SECTION 11348. Any person who shall enter in the nighttime any house, room, apartment, tenement, shop, warehouse, store,	Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 1 nor more than 15 years.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

mill, barn, stable, outhouse or other building, tent, vessel, railroad car, with intent to commit grand or petit larceny, or any felony, is guilty of burglary in the first degree.

Any person who shall enter in the daytime any of the structures defined in the last section, with intent to commit grand or petit larceny, or a felony, is guilty of burglary in the second degree.

SECTION 11352. Any person who shall commit burglary with the use of nitroglycerin, dynamite, gunpowder, or other high explosive.

SECTION 11482. It is unlawful for any person to tear down, break, or injure any fence or other enclosure for the purpose of entering on the land of another without the consent of the owner or the occupant.

SECTIONS 11373 AND 11374. Any person who takes any property with intent to defraud the true owner of his property, or the use and benefit of the same, or obtains possession of the property, by the aid of any fraudulent or false representation, or makes any check, order, or draft for the payment of money, upon any bank, knowing at the time of such making, or drawing, that sufficient funds are not available, etc., is guilty of larceny. If the value of the thing taken or obtained exceeds in value the sum of \$50, or if the property is taken from the person of another, it is grand larceny. If the value of the thing taken or obtained is less than \$50, the crime is petit larceny.

Imprisonment in the State prison for not more than 5 years.

Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 15 years nor more than 40 years.

A fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 6 months, or both.

For grand larceny the penalty is imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 1 nor more than 14 years.

For petit larceny the punishment prescribed is a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 11476. It is unlawful for any person willfully and maliciously to burn any bridge exceeding \$50 in value, or any stack of grain or hay, or any growing or standing grain, grass, tree, or fence belonging to another.

Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 1 nor more than 10 years.

SECTION 11481. It is unlawful willfully or maliciously to cut down, destroy, or injure any kind of wood or timber growing or standing on the land of another, or carry away from such lands any timber or wood, or maliciously to injure or sever any property from such land.

A fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

To destroy, deface, or injure any door, window, or other portion of a vacant residence or other building or maliciously opening any closed door or window of such building without the consent of the owner, tenant, etc., is a crime.

The same.

SECTION 11487. It is a crime willfully and maliciously to cut, break, injure, or destroy any dam, bridge, canal, flume, aqueduct, levee, embankment, reservoir, or other structures erected to create hydraulic power, or for mining, manufacturing, agricultural, or municipal purposes.

A fine of not less than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 2 years, or both.

SECTION 11488. Maliciously to cut, sink, break, injure, or set adrift, any boat or vessel the property of another is a crime.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 11489. Every person who unlawfully obstructs the navigation of any navigable stream, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The same.

SECTION 11491. Defacing, destroying, or tearing down any copy of or extract from any law of the United States, or of the State of

A fine of not more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 3 months, or both.

## OFFENSE.

Montana, or any proclamation, advertisement, or notification set up at any place in the State of Montana by authority of any law of the United States or of Montana, is prohibited.

SECTION 11499. Willfully breaking, digging up, obstructing, or injuring any pipe or main conducting water or gas, or any works erected for supplying buildings with water or gas, is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 11512. Willfully administering poison to any animal, the property of another, or exposing the same with intent to have it taken by an animal, the property of another, is a felony.

SECTION 11528. Willfully leaving open the gate leading in or out of any inclosed premises is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 11233. Any person who maintains anything injurious to health, or indecent or offensive to the senses, or anything that is an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property by a community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, etc., is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance.

SECTION 11235. Putting dead animals or the offal of a slaughter pen or butchershop in any river, creek, pond, reservoir, or public highway, or on the borders of any stream, lake, etc., from which the water supply of a city or town is taken, is illegal.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

Imprisonment in the State prison for not more than 3 years or in the county jail for not more than 1 year, or a fine of not more than \$500, or both.

A fine of not more than \$25.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 1 year, or both.



OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 11210. Defacing marks upon logs, lumber, or wood, or placing false marks thereon, with intent to prevent the owner from identifying or discovering his property, is a crime.	A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.
SECTION 11194. Willfully poisoning food, medicine, or water, or drink, or any well or spring or reservoir of water, is a felony.	Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 1 nor more than 10 years.
SECTION 11474. Every person who maliciously injures or destroys any real or personal property not his own is guilty of a crime.	A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both in case of a misdemeanor and in case of felony, confinement in the State penitentiary for a term of not less than 1 year and not more than 5 years.

## DIGEST OF MONTANA GRAZING TRESPASS AND STOCK SANITATION LAWS.

*Revised code, 1921.*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 3317. It is unlawful to remove from Montana any horse, mule, mare, colt, or foal without the same being inspected by a stock inspector, or the sheriff of the county.	A fine of not more than \$300 nor less than \$50, or imprisonment in the county jail in default of payment of fine until such fine is discharged at the rate provided by law.
SECTION 3324. It is illegal for any person, association, or corporation to remove any stock or neat cattle from one county to another within the State of Montana, by railroad or otherwise, until they are inspected for brands, by a stock inspector.	A fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

NOTE. This act does not apply to stock driven by the owner from one county to another for the purpose of pasturing, feeding, or changing range, etc.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

It is illegal for any railroad company to ship any stock or neat cattle without receiving an inspection certificate covering such stock.

A fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 3288. To violate the rules of the Montana Stock Sanitary Board is a crime.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 3269. It is unlawful to sell for human food any part of an animal slaughtered under insanitary conditions.

The same.

SECTION 3287. It is unlawful for any owner or agent in charge of a domestic animal to permit such animal to run at large on the public range or on a public highway while it is suffering from or exposed to any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease.

The same.

SECTION 11211. Maliciously to mark or brand, or alter any brand, with intent to steal any kind of stock or prevent its identification by the owner is a felony.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the State prison for not more than 5 years, or both.

SECTION 3306. Violation of the law of 1921 providing for the regulation, artificial marking or branding of live stock, and recording of marks and brands is a misdemeanor.

A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 1 year, or both.

SECTION 11263. To knowingly sell or offer for sale any animal having glanders, farcy, or any contagious disease is a crime.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 11543. To drive any horses, cattle, mules, or sheep through Montana, which are brought from another State without being properly branded, is a misdemeanor.

A fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300.

SECTION 11549. It is unlawful to drive any cattle, horses, mules, or sheep from their customary range without the consent of the owner.

A fine of not more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days, or both.

## OFFENSE.

SECTIONS 3403 to 3405. It is unlawful for any person, firm, company, or corporation to turn upon or allow to run at large on the open range of the national forest reserves any bull, other than a pure-bred one of recognized beef type, or in case such person permits female breeding cattle to run at large, any pure-bred bull less than 15 months or more than 8 years of age.

SECTION 3340. It is unlawful for any person to take into possession for his own use and benefit any estray without owner's consent.

NOTE.—An "estray" is defined as any mare, gelding, stallion, colt, foal, mule, jack, jennet, cow, ox, steer, bull, stag, heifer, or calf, running at large away from its accustomed range, or any of the animals defined, the owner of which can not be found upon reasonable diligence.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$250.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not exceeding 60 days, or both.

## DIGEST OF MISCELLANEOUS TRESPASS LAWS OF MONTANA.

*Revised Code of 1921.*

Grouped under this head is the substance of several Montana trespass laws applicable within as well as without national forests. They are dissimilar in many respects to other trespass laws; therefore it is deemed appropriate to set out a digest of them apart from the others.

## OFFENSE.

SECTION 1729. The failure of the person responsible for encroachment by any fence, building, or otherwise on a public highway, to remove the same immediately upon the request of the proper road supervisor.

SECTION 10894. Any person who destroys any book, paper, instrument, or writing, or other matter or thing, knowing that the same is about to be required as evidence at any trial or investigation required by law, or conceals the same is guilty of a misdemeanor.

## PENALTY.

Forfeiture of \$10 for each day that the encroachment remains unmoved after due notice.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 10895. Preventing or dissuading a witness from appearing at a trial authorized by law.	A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.
SECTION 10916. Refusal of any peace officer to arrest a person properly charged with the commission of a crime.	A fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 5 years.
SECTION 10898. If two or more persons conspire to commit a crime of any kind, it is a criminal conspiracy.	A fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 1 year, or both.
SECTION 11464. It is unlawful maliciously to injure a public highway or obstruct the same.	A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment in the State prison for not more than 5 years, or in the county jail for not more than 1 year, or both.
NOTE. A highway is defined by law as any highway, road, lane, street, alley, court, place, or bridge <i>laid out</i> or <i>erected</i> by the public or traveled or used by the public, or <i>laid out</i> or <i>erected</i> and dedicated by others to public use, or made a public highway upon petition.	
SECTION 2649. It is illegal to pollute in any manner any water which is used as a source of supply for any city, town, Federal, State, or county institution, or render it injurious to health, or to violate the rules of the State Board of Health.	A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.
SECTION 11303. Carrying concealed weapons outside of the limits of any city or town is a crime.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six months nor more than 1 year, or both.

NOTE. This law does not apply to peace officers, game wardens, forest officers, etc.



## PART III.

### DIGEST OF IDAHO FIRE TRESPASS AND BRUSH DISPOSAL LAWS.

*Compiled Statutes of 1919.*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 2943. Failure of any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the cutting and removal of timber, etc., to pile and burn or dispose of the brush incident to cutting, in a manner prescribed by the fire warden of the district.	Fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both fine and imprisonment.
SECTION 2947. Setting out a fire by any logger, camper, farmer, individual, firm, or corporation from June 1 to October 1, in slashings, fallen or down timber, or on timberlands, or in the vicinity of grain fields, for the purpose of clearing brush, grass, or other inflammable material, without obtaining a written permit from the fire warden of the district.	Fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months.
Setting out a fire when the wind is blowing to such an extent as to cause danger of the same getting beyond control of the person setting out the fire.	The same.
Failure of the person setting out the fire to watch it until it is out.	The same.
Failure to have sufficient help present to control the fire.	The same.
SECTION 2943. Failure to conform to the rules made by the fire warden of the district regarding brush disposal.	Fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both fine and imprisonment.



## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 2945. Operating in a timber district any locomotive, logging engine, portable engine, traction engine, or stationery engine without a good and efficient spark arrester.

Fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for each day that such engine or locomotive is so used.

SECTION 2946. Failure of warden or deputy warden or other person lawfully commanded to assist in the enforcement of the fire law to perform his duty without sufficient cause.

Fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.

Kindling a fire on or near to forest or prairie lands and leaving the same unextinguished.

The same.

Using other than incombustible wads for fire arms.

The same.

Carrying a naked torch, firebrand, or exposed light in or near to forest land.

The same.

Defacing, destroying, or removing any abstract or notice posted under this chapter.

The same.

SECTION 2948. Failure of railroad operator to keep clear of combustible material a strip 50 feet on each side of center of line from June 1 to October 1.

Fine of not more than \$100 for each offense.

Railroad employees leaving or depositing fire, live coals, or ashes in the immediate vicinity of woodland or lands liable to be overrun by fire.

Fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50.

Failure of railroad operator to have posted in each station fire-warning placards.

Fine of not more than \$100.

Failure of railroad operator to give fire-prevention instruction to (his) employees at the beginning of the fire season.

The same.

SECTION 8346. Willfully or carelessly setting on fire or causing to be set on fire any *timberlands*, thereby destroying the timber.

Fine of not more than \$300, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
Willfully setting on fire or causing to be set on fire <i>prairie lands</i> , thereby destroying the grass or grain on such lands.	Fine of not more than \$300, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.
Building a camp fire in any <i>woods</i> or on any prairie and leaving the same without totally extinguishing the same.	The same.
Railroad company willfully and carelessly permitting fire to spread from its right of way to adjoining lands.	The same

## DIGEST OF IDAHO FISH AND GAME TRESPASS LAWS.

*Compiled Statutes of 1919.*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 2686 (as amended by the session laws of 1921). It is unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, or angle for any of the wild animals, birds, or fish in the State of Idaho unless in the manner provided by law and then only after procuring the required license.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

NOTE.—*Game animals* are defined by the Idaho law (§2679 as amended in 1921) as moose, elk, deer, caribou, mountain goat,<sup>3</sup> mountain sheep, antelope, bear, snowshoe and cottontail rabbits, and bear. *Game birds* are defined (§2680) as swan, geese, brant, river and sea ducks, rails, coot or mud hens, plover, surf birds, snipe, sandpipers, tattlers, curlews, sage hens, grouse, prairie chickens, pheasants, partridges, quail, and turtle doves. *Game fish* are defined (§2681) as trout, char, black bass, perch, sun fish, red fish, white fish, ling, grayling, sturgeon, salmon, land-locked salmon, cat fish, bull head, and bull frog.

It is unlawful to carry any uncased gun in the fields or forests without first having procured a license.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.
SECTION 2687 (as amended by the Session Laws of 1921). It is unlawful to hunt any game or fur-bearing animal without having procured a license.	The same.

NOTE.—*Fur-bearing animals* are defined (§2683 as amended in 1921) as beaver, otter, marten, mink, muskrat raccoon, fox, and fisher.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

It is unlawful to fish in the *public waters* of the State without first having procured a license.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

NOTE.—Under the law (§2688 as amended in 1921) children under 12 may take fish without a license. Veterans of the Civil War may take fish, game animals, and game birds without a license. It is also provided that §2687 shall not apply to such children and veterans.

SECTION 2689. The law prohibits any child under 12 years of age from having in his possession any shot gun, rifle, or firearm while in the field or forest or in any tent, camp, or auto.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 2698. Failure to produce a license on the request of any game warden or any assistant or deputy.

The same.

NOTE.—There are three classes of licenses, viz, citizen and bona fide resident licenses, nonresident licenses, and alien licenses.

These are further divided into: Licenses which grant authority to hunt or kill game animals, game birds, and game fish during the open season; licenses which authorize the hunting or killing of game birds only, in the open season; licenses to catch fish in the open season in the manner provided by law; license to trap furbearing animals within specified periods; licenses to carry a rifle for the protection of stock but not for hunting.

SECTION 2686. It is unlawful to hunt or fish without a properly issued license in your possession.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 2705 (as amended in 1921). Selling or offering for sale, shipping or offering for shipment any salmon, whitefish, or sturgeon without first securing a permit is a misdemeanor.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment for not less than 10 nor more than 60 days, or both.

SECTION 2708 (as amended in 1921). It is unlawful for anyone to sell or keep for sale any part or parts of any game animal (except bear), except the hides, horns, or heads, and they may be sold only when accompanied by an affidavit in the form of a shipping permit.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 2710 (as amended in 1921). A shipment of game animals or parts thereof in transit at the close of the open season may continue to destination but not for more than 5 days after such close. Possession except as authorized by this or other provisions of the law is a misdemeanor.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 2723 (as amended in 1921). It is unlawful for any person, company, or corporation to offer for sale, or sell, or have in possession for such purpose any game animals, game birds, game fish, or parts thereof, except as provided by law.

The same.

NOTE.—This law is not applicable to the owners of private fish ponds.

SECTION 2725 (as amended in 1921). It is a misdemeanor for any person, company, or corporation to store or receive for storage any game or fish except during the open season therefor and from the lawful possessor and unless the license tag is attached and the affidavit and storage permit are received from the owner.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

NOTE.—Migratory waterfowl may be possessed or stored for 10 days only next succeeding the open season therefor.

SECTION 2726 (as amended in 1921). The possession of any game, dead or alive, during the closed season unless it was procured lawfully during the open season is a crime.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

EXCEPTION.—Migratory birds may be retained in captivity for decoy purposes only under permits from the State Fish and Game Warden and the Federal Government.



OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
<p>SECTION 2730 (as amended in 1921). It is unlawful to catch, attempt to catch, or kill any species of fish with any seine, net, spear, weir, fence, basket, trap, gill-net, trammel net, or other contrivance.</p>	<p>A fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 20 days nor more than 6 months, or both.</p>
<p>NOTE.—This does not apply to the spearing of ling in the Kootenai River in Boundary County, nor to the capture of sturgeon with a set line, nor (see §2732) to the capture of salmon in certain parts of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. Under permit from the fish and game warden (§2734 as amended in 1921), whitefish, herring, ling, suckers, mullet, chub, carp, and squawfish may be taken with any of the above contrivances.</p>	
<p>SECTION 2735 (as amended in 1921). It is unlawful to catch or attempt to catch trout in any manner during the months of April or May, except in lakes and navigable streams.</p>	<p>A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.</p>
<p>NOTE.—For definition of navigable streams, see section 2736 of the fish and game laws.</p>	
<p>SECTION 2739 (as amended in 1921). It is unlawful to catch any kind of fish through the ice, except in Bear Lake, Pend Oreille Lake, Payette and Warm Lakes, Kootenai River, Clearwater River up to the town of Lowell, North Fork of the Clearwater River up to the mouth of Beaver Creek, Salmon River up to the Sunbeam Dam, Snake River up to the Wyoming State line.</p>	<p>A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.</p>
<p>NOTE.—Section 2740 permits trout fishing through the ice in Kootenai River and Pend Oreille and Bear Lakes.</p>	
<p>SECTION 2741. The law prohibits fishing within 300 feet of a fish ladder or dam in any stream.</p>	<p>A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.</p>

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 2742 (as amended in 1921). As to certain species it is unlawful to catch more than 15 pounds and 1 fish in any one day or to have in possession more than 30 pounds, or to catch in one day more than 50 or to have in possession more than 100 fish.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.
SECTION 2743. It is unlawful to kill or destroy or have in possession any trout or black bass less than 6 inches in length.	The same.
SECTION 2744. Fishing for trout from the back of any animal is forbidden.	The same.
SECTION 2746. The taking of bullfrogs without a license is forbidden.	The same.
SECTION 2747. It is unlawful to hunt, catch, or kill bullfrogs from April 15 to May 31, or to sell or purchase any bullfrogs or parts thereof.	The same.
SECTION 2756 (as amended in 1921). The law prohibits hunting for, shooting at, shooting, killing, etc., of ducks, geese, or migratory birds from any launch or boat propelled by motor power of any kind. It prohibits also the shooting, etc., of any game animal or game bird from a power boat, sailboat, automobile, or airplane.	The same.
SECTION 2759. The ensnaring or trapping of game birds, unless under permit, is prohibited.	The same.
SECTION 2760. It is unlawful to kill bandtailed pigeons, cranes, swans, or curlews and certain other migratory birds prior to December 7, 1926.	The same.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 2761 (as amended in 1921).

The law prohibits the killing, attempted killing, or destruction of wild duck, geese, woodcock, black-breasted and golden plover, yellow legs, Wilson or jack snipe, except from October 1 to December 31, or the killing in one day or having in possession at any time more than 12 ducks, 2 geese, 6 plover, 6 yellow legs, or 12 Wilson or jack snipe, or the killing or having in possession at any one time a total of more than 20 of these birds.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 2762 (as amended in 1921).

It is unlawful to kill or destroy any mourning dove at any time or to kill in one day or have in possession a total of more than 6 partridges, sage hens, native pheasants, or grouse, or more than 8 quail.

The same.

NOTE.—Under sections 2763, 2764, and 2765 as amended in 1921 the open season for grouse and native pheasant in Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone Counties is from October 1 to October 31, inclusive.

The open season in Latah, Clearwater, and Nez Perce Counties is from September 15 to October 15, inclusive.

Hungarian partridge may be killed in Nez Perce County from November 1 to November 30, inclusive.

In Latah and Kootenai Counties the open season for Hungarian partridge is from November 1 to November 15, inclusive.

The open season for sage hen is from August 15 to September 15, inclusive.

Quail may be taken in Nez Perce County from November 1 to November 30, inclusive, and in Kootenai County from November 1 to November 15, inclusive. Other northern counties are closed for quail hunting.

SECTION 2767 (as amended in 1921).

It is unlawful to kill Chinese, Mongolian, or ringneck pheasants in Latah and Nez Perce Counties, except from November 1 to November 30, inclusive, or to kill more than 4 of such birds or to sell or offer for sale such birds.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 2768. It is contrary to law to hunt, kill, capture, or destroy any song, insectivorous, or innocent birds with certain exceptions.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

SECTION 2771. It is unlawful to pursue, capture, or kill any moose, buffalo, antelope, caribou, calf elk, spotted fawn, or mountain sheep at any time.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

It is unlawful to kill beaver without a permit from the State fish and game warden.

The same.

SECTION 2772. It is unlawful for anyone to have beaver hides in possession without a permit from the State fish and game warden.

The same.

SECTION 2773 (as amended in 1921).

The same.

The hunting, killing, or pursuing of elk and mountain goat is prohibited in Idaho and Clearwater Counties, except from October 1 to November 15, inclusive.

It is unlawful to hunt, kill, or pursue any deer in Boundary, Bonner, Benewah, Kootenai, Shoshone, Latah, Nez Perce, Idaho, or Clearwater Counties, except from October 1 to November 15, inclusive.

The same.

SECTION 2774. It is unlawful to kill or capture any deer, elk, mountain sheep, or mountain goat by means of any pitfall, trap, or snare, or at any deer lick, or to hunt, capture, or pursue any of these animals with dogs.

The same

SECTION 2776. No more than one elk, one deer, and one mountain goat can be legally killed or captured by any person.

The same.

SECTION 2777. To have in possession more than 30 pounds of dried, smoked, evaporated, or jerked venison is unlawful.

The same



## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 2778 (as amended in 1921).

To make use of any dog in hunting, pursuing, or killing any game animal (except bear, fur-bearing, or predatory animals) is unlawful.

It is unlawful to watch or lie in wait upon or near any dry or wet stands, lieks, creeks, rivers, or lakes that game animals other than bear, fur-bearing, or predatory animals are accustomed to use, with intent to take, kill, injure, or destroy any of these animals.

It is unlawful to shoot or kill elk or deer while any of these animals are in the water or upon the ice of any stream, lake, or pond.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

The same.

The same.

NOTE.—If the animal taken be a deer, autelope, mountain goat, or mountain sheep, the penalty is a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both (§2779).

If the animal taken be a moose, elk, buffalo, or caribou, the penalty is a fine of not less than \$150 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 60 days nor more than 6 months, or both (§2780).

If the animal taken be a calf elk, spotted fawn, or young mountain sheep, the penalty is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment for not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days, or both (§2781).

If the animal taken be a snowshoe or cottontail rabbit, the penalty is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 2783 (as amended in 1921).

It is unlawful to trap muskrats, mink, raccoon, or otter except from December 1 to May 1.

The trapping of marten, fox, or fisher is prohibited except from October 1 to February 1.

It is unlawful to kill bear in the counties of Bonndary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, or Benewah except from September 16 to May 30, inclusive.

It is unlawful to trap beaver at any time of the year.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

The same.

The same.

The same.

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 2784. It is unlawful to use the flesh of any game animal or bird for bait in trapping furbearing animals.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.
SECTION 2788. It is a criminal offense for a trapper to fail to make the report required each year by the State fish and game warden.	A fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment for not less than 5 nor more than 30 days, or both.
SECTION 2800. It is a misdemeanor to injure or destroy any rack or trap erected by the United States Bureau of Fisheries in any of the streams of Idaho, or to kill, destroy, or molest any salmon or game fish within 2 miles of any such rack or trap.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.
SECTION 2804. Maliciously to waste any game or fish is a misdemeanor.	The same.
SECTION 2424. To violate the law applicable to game preserves is a misdemeanor.	The general penalty is a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment for not less than 3 months nor more than 1 year, or both. Specific penalties are provided as to some preserves.

NOTE.—If specific information as to the boundaries of any game preserve be desired, it may be obtained from the district forester or from the pamphlet known as "Fish and Game Laws of Idaho."

## DIGEST OF IDAHO PROPERTY TRESPASS LAWS.

*Idaho Compiled Statutes of 1919.*

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTIONS 8426 AND 8427. Larceny is the felonious stealing, taking, carrying, leading, or driving away the personal property of another, or the converting of lost property to one's own use without making reasonable search for the owner.	See sections 8431, 8432, 8434, 8435, and 8474.

## OFFENSE.

SECTION 8429. Grand larceny is committed if the property taken exceeds in value the sum of \$60, or if the property is taken from the person of another, or if the property taken be a horse, mare, gelding, cow, steer, bull, calf, mule, jack, goat, jenny, sheep, or hog.

SECTION 8432. If the property taken does not exceed \$60 in value, the offense is petit larceny.

SECTION 8438. It is unlawful to prevent the owner of personal property from gaining possession of it, or to buy or receive any personal property, knowing the same to have been stolen.

SECTION 8474. Every person who knowingly and designedly by false or fraudulent representation or pretenses defrauds any other person of money or property or obtains credit by false representations or pretenses is guilty of a crime.

SECTION 8439. It is unlawful for a person to bring into this State property which he has stolen in another State or received therein knowing it to have been stolen.

SECTION 8441. Every person who willfully and without authority takes, with intent to deprive the owner thereof, any saw logs, timber, lumber, railroad ties, poles, rails, posts, or cord wood on any river or creek, or adjoining land, which may have floated down a river or creek, or removes or attempts to remove such logs, etc., or otherwise destroys or injures them, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

## PENALTY.

Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 1 nor more than 14 years.

A fine of not more than \$300, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or imprisonment in the State prison for not more than 5 years, or both.

The punishment is the same as for larceny.

The same.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

OFFENSE.	PENALTY.
SECTION 8442. To deface marks, remark, mutilate, or change the marks on logs, lumber, or wood, with intent to prevent identity being discovered by the owner, is a misdemeanor.	A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both.
SECTION 8516. It is unlawful maliciously to place any obstruction on the rail or track of any railroad.	Imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 6 months, or in the State prison for not more than 5 years.
SECTION 8517. It is a felony to maliciously dig up, remove, displace, break, injure, or destroy any public highway or any private way lawfully laid out or any bridge on either of such ways.	Imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 1 year, or in the State prison for not more than 5 years.
SECTION 8520. Willfully or negligently depositing debris of any kind on any highway, easement, or street used by the public for travel, which is likely to injure any stock, or person, etc., is a misdemeanor.	A fine of not more than \$25, or imprisonment for not more than 10 days.
SECTION 8521. Maliciously to take down, remove, obstruct, or injure any telephone or telegraph line or any part thereof is unlawful.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.
SECTION 8522. To obstruct, injure or damage in any manner any public road, street, or highway is a crime.	The Same.

NOTE.—A highway is a road, street, alley, or bridge laid out or erected by the public, or, if laid out by others, dedicated or abandoned to the public. (§ 1302.) A road not worked or used for a period of 5 years ceases to be a highway for any purpose. (§ 1305.)

SECTION 8527. Willfully to burn, cut down, or materially injure any telephone, telegraph, or electric-light pole or to shoot at or injure any insulator or wire, etc., is a misdemeanor.	A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.
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## OFFENSE.

SECTION 8539. Every person who shall maliciously injure or destroy any real or personal property not his own is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 8541. Willfully to administer any poison to any animal, the property of another, or expose the same with intent that it shall be swallowed by such animal is a crime.

SECTION 8556. Willfully and maliciously to burn any bridge exceeding \$50 in value, or any building, snowshed, or vessel not the subject of arson, or any stack of grain or hay, or standing or growing grain, or grass or fence is a felony.

SECTION 8559. It is a misdemeanor to injure or destroy any standing crop, grain, cultivated fruits, or vegetables, the property of another.

SECTION 8563. Willfully and maliciously to cut, break, injure, or destroy any dam, bridge, canal, flume, aqueduct, levee, embankment, reservoir, or other structure erected to create hydraulic power, or to drain or reclaim land, or to conduct water for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or reclamation purposes, etc., is a felony.

SECTION 8564. It is a misdemeanor willfully and maliciously to burn, mark, brand, injure, deface, or destroy any piling, telegraph pole, telephone pole, electric transmission line pole, fence post, pile, or raft of wood, plank, boards, or lumber, or to cut loose and sink or set adrift any raft or vessel.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

A fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 1 year, or in the State prison for not more than 3 years.

Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 1 nor more than 10 years.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both.

A fine of not more than \$300, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both.

## OFFENSE.

SECTION 8565. Intentionally tearing down, defacing, obliterating, or destroying any copy or extract of any State or Federal law, proclamation, notice, or advertisement, set in place by authority of the United States or the State, or any court, before the expiration of the time set for it to remain in place, is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 8566. Maliciously to mutilate, destroy, tear, deface, or obliterate any written instrument, the property of another, the false making of which would be forgery, is a felony.

SECTION 8573. It is unlawful intentionally to deface, obliterate, destroy or tear down any posted notice of a mining claim, or ditch, or water right, or location, or to take down, destroy or remove any post or monument erected to mark such property, etc.

SECTION 8579. Any person who willfully, maliciously, or mischievously drives or causes to be driven any nail, spike, iron, steel, or metallic substance, or rock or stone, into any log or timber intended to be manufactured into boards, lath, shingles, or lumber, or marketed for such purpose, is guilty of a felony.

SECTIONS 8580 AND 8581. To advocate crime, sabotage, violence, terrorism, or unlawful methods, as a means to accomplish industrial or political reform, is a felony.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment for not more than 1 month.

Imprisonment in the State prison for not less than 1 year nor more than 5 years.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

A fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment in the State prison for not more than 5 years, or in the county jail for not less than 6 months.

A fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment in the State prison for not more than 10 years, or both.

NOTE.—This crime may be committed by word of mouth, or by writing, printing, publishing, circulating, selling, distributing, or displaying any book, paper, or document advocating the commission of the above crimes, or by justifying the attempt or action of another in the advocacy of such acts, or by organizing or helping to organize societies for such purposes, or by being present at a meeting of such society, or by membership in such society.

## OFFENSE.

SECTION 8583. It is a misdemeanor for the owner of any building, after notice to him of such building being used for syndicalist meetings, to permit such assemblage.

SECTION 8389. Willfully to cut, destroy, or injure without authority any timber or wood, growing or standing on lands of the State of Idaho, is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 8390. Willfully to cut without authority timber or wood on State lands for the purpose of shipping it out of the State is a felony or to ship out of the State timber or wood cut upon State lands.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 1 year, or both.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

A fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment in the State prison for not more than 5 years, or both

## DIGEST OF IDAHO GRAZING TRESPASS AND STOCK SANITATION LAWS.

*Idaho Compiled Statutes of 1919.*

## OFFENSE.

SECTION 1853. It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to bring or cause to be brought into the State any animal affected or infected with any contagious, infectious or communicable disease.

SECTIONS 1847 and 1876. It is a crime to violate any of the regulations of the United States Secretary of Agriculture restraining the importation of diseased cattle and suppressing contagious diseases among domestic cattle, after such rules have been accepted by the Governor of the State.

## PENALTY.

A fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000.

The same.

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 1860. To violate any of the quarantine regulations for the prevention or suppression of scabies or contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases in sheep, is a crime.

A fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000.

SECTION 1985 (as amended in 1921).

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

This statute requires every user of the public range during the breeding season to place upon such range a registered bull of beef breed not less than 15 months nor more than 8 years of age, for every 25 head or fraction thereof of female breeding cattle pastured by him on such range. No bull shall be run on the same range for more than three successive breeding seasons. A violation of this law is a misdemeanor.

NOTE.—This law does not apply to the owner of female dairy cattle taken up each night to be milked, provided such owner has for breeding such cattle a registered bull for every 50 head.

## DIGEST OF IDAHO MISCELLANEOUS TRESPASS LAWS.

*Compiled Statutes of 1919.*

## OFFENSE.

## PENALTY.

SECTION 8204. It is criminal conspiracy for two or more persons to conspire to commit any crime.

A fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

SECTION 8339. To maintain or commit a public nuisance is a misdemeanor.

A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

NOTE.—A public nuisance is anything which is indecent or injurious to health, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of it by an entire community or neighborhood, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage of any navigable lake, river, stream, street, highway, etc.



## PART IV.

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### EVIDENCE.

In legal acceptance the word "evidence" includes all the means by which any alleged matter of fact, the truth of which is submitted to investigation, is established or disproved.

Proof should not be confused with evidence. Proof is the effect of the evidence or what results from the evidence. Evidence is the medium by which truth is established. Matters of fact are proved by moral evidence alone. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt does not mean proof beyond all doubt, as is sometimes understood by the layman. When we consider the limitations of the human mind and the chance for error in observation and calculation, it would be unreasonable to expect a showing of proof beyond *all* doubt. Satisfactory evidence is that which impresses the mind of the average person, after it has been tested by the customary legal rules of examination, that the alleged fact under investigation is proved or disproved. Evidence must be competent and admissible, satisfactory and convincing. It must be sufficient. In civil cases it must preponderate in favor of one party or the other to the controversy, to entitle either one to a verdict; in criminal cases it must be beyond a reasonable doubt. Competency and admissibility are entirely distinct from the sufficiency and the effect of evidence. The former is exclusively the province of the court to decide, and the latter is for the jury to analyze and value as they are guided by their experience in the common affairs of life.

Cumulative evidence is that of the same kind bearing directly on the same point. To illustrate: Smith made a certain oral statement to Fisher relative to his presence at a particular place at a specified time. On another occasion, Smith made a similar statement concerning the same point to Russell. The testimony of Fisher and Russell on this point would be cumulative.

Circumstantial evidence is of two kinds—certain, or that from which a reasonable conclusion follows; uncertain, or that from which a conclusion does not necessarily or immediately follow, but which renders the thing probable. Additional evidence of other circumstances connected with the point under investigation would be necessary before the truth would be disclosed or proper deductions could be made with a sufficient degree of certainty.

There are mistaken notions as to circumstantial evidence, especially as to its reliability and directness. There are persons who feel that

direct proof of every alleged fact ought to be and must be presented to a court and jury to warrant a conclusion as to what the facts are. This conception is erroneous, because circumstantial evidence, when properly tied together, is just as good as direct evidence. In fact, circumstantial evidence is direct evidence, and very often under a strong chain of it there is less chance to do injustice than under what is popularly known as direct evidence. The rule in criminal cases is that evidence of the circumstances relied upon to prove the guilt of the accused must be such as to produce a moral certainty in the mind of the jurors of the guilt of the prisoner and to exclude every other reasonable assumption or conclusion.

In the nature of human activity there is always evidence of a thing done or accomplished or of the failure to do what one's duty to society requires. Often it is erroneously said that there is no evidence of a fact, or no evidence to connect the preparator with the crime. There is always evidence of the fact to be proved or to connect the perpetrator with the crime. The difficulty is in revealing the evidence to prove the crime and the guilt of the accused. Evidence of a fact always exists; therefore it is not proper to say there is no evidence.

Another common error is the assumption that because of family ties, or local animosity to existing governmental regulations, or a desire not to be a witness in a case, or because of the prospect of being adversely criticized by local inhabitants should a prospective witness discuss the circumstance of a crime, he will naturally misrepresent the facts within his knowledge. Men naturally speak truth. They are naturally inclined to truthfulness. The truth is always spoken unless selfish or other considerations influence the mind not to exercise its natural tendency. Even the greatest liar speaks the truth much more often than he falsifies in the course of everyday events. Therefore the statement of a person in regard to any matter under investigation should not be rejected or considered unimportant because the investigator has learned that the person interrogated has had or has the reputation of being untruthful at times.

Furthermore, even though some untruth might be found in the statement of a person having personal knowledge of a fact, still, on account of the natural tendency of his mind, there might be truth mingled with untruth in his version of the affair. And the investigator, from the limited truth presented, might be able to use the valuable part of the statement as a leader or guide to other sources of truth which would, if disclosed, be sufficient when correlated with what had already been ascertained to prove the matter under investigation.

For this reason an investigator who understands his business will never reject an item having either a direct or an indirect bearing on the subject matter. Moreover, in nearly every statement made by the ordinary man in which are described the occurrences connected with and surrounding the point to be proved, there are immaterial allegations. The duty of the investigator is to select and utilize the material part and disregard the immaterial. A keen mind can nearly always separate the valueless stuff from that which has a tendency to prove the point under investigation.

As men in general do not violate the penal code, the law presumes every man innocent. But some men do transgress the law; therefore reliable and sufficient evidence is required to rebut this presumption. This legal presumption of innocence is to be regarded by the jury as evidence favorable to the accused; and, if the guilt of the accused is to be shown by circumstantial evidence, the proof ought to be not only consistent with the prisoner's guilt but inconsistent with any other rational conclusion. While there is a presumption of innocence, evidence of certain circumstances may raise also a presumption of guilt which might outweigh the presumption of innocence.

For instance, the possession by the accused of the missing property of another would warrant a presumption that he stole it unless the possession is explained by him. Also, in a case of arson, the finding of property in the possession of the accused, which was known to be in the burned building a short time prior to its destruction would warrant a presumption that the accused was in some way connected with the crime. The presumption of guilt may also be proper if a person destroys or suppresses something which would evidence the truth of the matter under investigation. This is on the ground that proof of the truth would operate against the accused. These presumptions are, however, for the jury to weigh and pass on accordingly. They are not conclusive presumptions upon which the court could render judgment in a criminal case.

Every person accused of crime ought to have his case tried according to established rules of procedure in order that he may not be convicted through inadmissible and incompetent evidence which might be given undue weight by a jury to the injury of the accused, or which might be misinterpreted through prejudice or wantonness or ignorance or mistake. Hence, certain rules of law are prescribed in order to regulate the introduction of evidence and to safeguard the legal rights of the accused. The production of evidence to a jury is, therefore, governed by four general principles:

1. The evidence must correspond with the allegation and be confined to the point in issue.
2. The evidence is sufficient if the substance only of the issue be proved.
3. The burden of proving a proposition, charge, or issue lies on the party holding the affirmative.
4. The best evidence of which the case, in its nature, is susceptible must always be produced.

It is not necessary, however, that the evidence bear directly upon the issue or charge. It is admissible if it tends to prove the issue or is a link in the chain of proof. Also acts and declarations of the accused made at a former time are admissible to prove the intent of the same person at the time of the commission of the crime. Acts and declarations of the accused, after the time of the commission of the crime, are competent if they tend to establish his guilt. It should always be remembered that in every criminal case the burden of proof is on the Government to convince the jury of the guilt of the accused, according to the manner and form of the complaint or indictment. In a criminal case, proof of



the doing of an act by a specific person is not sufficient for conviction. It must be shown, in addition, that the act is unjustifiable and unlawful.

That the best evidence of which the case is susceptible must be produced is a well-established rule of judicial procedure. This does not mean the greatest amount of evidence. The design of the rule is to prevent the introduction of secondary evidence while the original is in existence, and while it is within the power of the party to produce it. It is well to remember, too, that this rule does not comprehend the strength or weakness of evidence. The scope and intent of the rule is to prohibit substitution while the original is available. For instance, the production of the original written document is the best evidence of its contents. A copy of it or a statement of its substance by a person who read it would be secondary evidence. There are, however, some exceptions to this rule. On account of the inconvenience incidental to the removal of public records from their permanent depository, certified copies of these records are accepted in courts of justice instead of the originals.

All forest officers should realize that hearsay evidence is never accepted by courts of justice as proof of any fact. Sometimes officers and laymen find it hard to distinguish between hearsay evidence and other evidence. We are so prone in the everyday affairs of life to accept as true what others say regarding any occurrence not subject to our own observation, or tested by our senses, that we unconsciously pass it on to our neighbors as truth. Courts of justice, however, do not allow a person to testify as to any matter unless he has acquired his knowledge by personal observation of the transaction, occurrence, or thing, or acquired his knowledge through the exercise of his other senses upon the subject matter covered by his testimony. If John Smith tells you he saw Howe commit a specific crime, you can not testify as to what Smith told you about Howe. Smith must appear to testify as to this fact. Of course, if Howe himself admitted to you that he did the act or the wrong, you could testify as to the conversation, since this would not be hearsay.

There are some variations of this rule, but the above explanation covers the general practice. The practice of admitting evidence of general reputation or of good character in a community might be mentioned as exceptions to the rule relative to hearsay evidence. Another exception is the statement or admission of one of the parties to an illegal conspiracy. After the conspiracy has been entered into, the statement of one of the members of it is binding on the others, even though they were not present when the statement was made. A confession of guilt is also good evidence, provided it is made voluntarily. If it be made under intimidation or under the flattery of hope, it is not admissible. All of the conversation in which the admission of guilt was made must be recited and left for the jury to judge and weigh.

The means of proof or the instruments of evidence are divided into two general classes, viz, unwritten and written, or, in other words, oral testimony and documentary evidence—maps, charts, weapons used in the commission of crime, articles of clothing and adornment, personal property of various kinds, models, specimen exhibits, etc.



## INVESTIGATION OF TRESPASSES.

### **Investigator.**

The greater a man's ability, the more he can accomplish in this as in any other work. Qualifications peculiarly necessary for an investigator are observation, common sense, and ability to work. Nothing is so small as to be safely overlooked; a whole case may turn on what seems a most unimportant detail. On the other hand, many details are unimportant. The correct judging of what is important depends largely upon the imaginative power to picture constantly in the mind the whole case and its probable development. Beware of letting anything go as unimportant without thus carefully weighing it.

Catching a criminal is a battle of wits; the side which thinks hardest all the time wins. Success in difficult cases requires special aptitude, and only with hard, intelligent thinking will an officer be successful.

### **Preliminary information.**

Success demands thorough preparation. This includes not only a knowledge of the laws and procedure under which we work, but an intimate knowledge of the region of the crime, such as topography, trails, and other get-away avenues; of the persons existing in every community who know all about the rest of the community; of the habits, rendezvous, and associates of general community suspects, and of their family, business, and other relationships, so that in seeking information from others you may not unwittingly kill your own game by approaching one of their close sympathizers.

### **Starting out.**

Investigative work, especially in fire cases, demands even greater speed in get-away than in suppression. If footprints lie for days, or even until after the suppression crew has tramped over the ground, before they are investigated, not only may they be obliterated by others, but the defense will not be slow to take advantage, in a court trial, of the possibility that tracks proved to be those of the defendant could have been made after the offense was committed. The latter danger applies to other trespasses as well as fire. Our only safety lies in starting investigation on the ground with all possible speed.

### **How many men.**

Never rush in a mob. Unless something is wrong with the protection organization, even fire suppression should not require sending many men at first. For investigative purposes two officers are desirable. By this system, an additional witness is provided to support the charges in the event of the trial of the offender.

### **What to do.**

The first man or men at a fire must look for clues and preserve any found. The man in charge of the fire crew should, of course, be the leader in the search for clues in the vicinity of the fire or the point where any offense has been committed. If the tracks of men or animals or means of conveyance are found, an effort should be made to prevent their obliteration, or injury to their distinctive features until a qualified

officer shall have opportunity to examine them, and make casts of them if necessary. The men and animals engaged in suppressing the fire should be required to keep outside of the area containing the imprints if this is at all practicable.

Require men in charge of fire fighting to keep eyes open for clues, and to note people met on trails, with time of meeting, especially outsiders first on the scene of a fire, who may be the setters, with an irresistible desire to see it burn; to keep ears open for boastful or antagonistic remarks of fire fighters, who may themselves have set the fire or know or those who did; and to report anything learned at once to the range for other forest officer in the vicinity.

### **Searching for clues.**

What are clues? No deed is done without leaving a clue; the only question is our ability to find it. A no-clue case means only that we are not up to the scratch in finding one or more.

Anything is a clue which has any connection with the offense or its author. Tracks, camp-fire, or lunch remains, "plant" used to set off a fire, blanket, or other threads pulled off by brush or trees, hairs, scraps of paper or other things carelessly or unintentionally left by the offender, etc., are examples. A good working rule is that everything is to be held as a clue which can not be accounted for without reference to the offense.

But nothing is really a clue without the interpretation which can connect it with the deed. Some things, such as tracks, the forest officer can interpret better than any outside expert; in other words, we are ourselves the best experts. Other things can be interpreted only by those with special training, as for example, by the microscopist, the chemist, or some other specialist.

### **The working theory.**

To guide the investigator in the interpretation of clues or evidence, two things are necessary: (1) Every bit of knowledge he can gather, before leaving for the scene or on the way, as to the offense, including its occurrence, surrounding circumstances, probable author, and motive; and (2) the building of a mental picture or reconstruction of all that one knows of the case. Constant revision and coordination are necessary. Nothing else will prevent wandering, loss of time, and possible failure. At the start it may consist only of a "hunch" as to who set the fire or where to look for clues; but every new thing found should be considered carefully. The theory first set up may afterwards prove to be erroneous; but it has very frequently happened that the theory, though a false one, was the bridge which led to the truth.

### **How to search.**

After arriving on the scene, first locate the critical point, for example, the origin of a fire. If the point of origin is not evident, beware of jumping to conclusions; the incendiary or other criminal does not do the obvious thing if he has any sense. Then examine minutely the immediate area. Definite system is absolutely necessary in this search. Go systematically around the circle, widening the circles each time; but keep them close enough together.

### **Notebook record.**

Record must be kept of everything found and done, and of all material conversations held or information gathered. Describe in the proper notebook everything that is found, so that the notes may be used later to refresh your memory should you be called to testify relative to those things. The time of every occurrence or find should be recorded. Also be sure to ascertain the exact time the fire was started, or discovered, when fighting commenced, and all other significant circumstances.

The time of making material entries in the notebook should be entered in the notebook, and such time records should be based on actual examination of a well-regulated watch. Important information should be entered in the notebook immediately after it is obtained. Testimony based on a notation made immediately after an occurrence is much more convincing to a court and jury than that based on an entry made at the end of the activities of the day or later.

### **Maps and photographs.**

Accurate maps and photographs are the best means of showing in court many of the facts of a trespass, and are nearly always necessary. It is unusually difficult to present the facts of intricate cases to the court and jury in an understandable way without the aid of these guides. Maps should be as accurate as possible and should represent the area in diagrammatic outline with as little printed or written data as possible. Symbols should be used to identify material points and to aid the maker of the map in explaining to the jury the relation of topography, culture, etc., to the trespass area. Printed matter indicating the guilt of the accused should not be put on the map, since it would prohibit its use as an exhibit at the trial. In taking pictures a proper note should be made of the film used, and of the time, place, and circumstances under which the object was photographed. Photographic record No. 166 should be used for preserving the data. In civil cases the same strictness relative to printed or written matter on maps is not enforced. (See pp. 169 and 170.) Remember that photographs involving scenery are more desirable if taken from the level of the eyes. The photographic record should show the point where the camera was set, the direction from which the picture was taken, angle of view included, etc.

### **Objects.**

The finder must put on each object found a private mark, in a hidden or inconspicuous place, by which he can himself identify it in court as the identical object found. This, together with the notebook record of the circumstances of finding, arranged in their chronological order in a *bound* notebook, is the best safeguard against an intimation by a defense attorney, possibly to the serious prejudicing of a jury, that evidence has been "planted" by the prosecution.

All object which may be needed as evidence should be guarded with the utmost care to avoid possibility of loss, misplacement, or theft. The forest officer should take personal charge of all such articles, unless it be desirable to turn them over to the custody of the district forester or county attorney. If the forest officer turns them over to the county



attorney, he must, of course, take a receipt and enter them in his notebook record so that they will not be overlooked in working up his material for the case.

### **The plan of campaign or working theory.**

You start with a few facts, and a tentative theory based upon them and your best surmises. Whenever new clues or facts are found, ask yourself: (a) What instructions, if any, are there in respect to a situation like this? (b) What does this act mean? (c) On the basis of facts to date, if I were the criminal, what would I do next? Sit down and smoke a pipe over it, if that will help. There is no time to be wasted; but right interpretation of facts, and right action respecting them, are so essential that the time necessary to insure these will yield bigger dividends than half-baked hasty action.

The simplest working theory which will explain the facts is always preferable; but the theory is never complete until the case is closed. At all times, but especially at first, when the theory is based on few facts, it must be lightly held, subject to modification at any time by what shall be discovered next, regardless of whether the new evidence agrees with the previous theory or not.

Such open-mindedness, the viewing of every new fact on its own merits, is harder to maintain than many people suppose and requires constant and definite effort. It is extraordinarily easy to overvalue new facts which coincide with one's theory already built, and to undervalue those which do not. Nothing is more common among inexperienced officers or more fatal to success than holding such a preconceived theory. Usually its holder will not change the theory even when evidence contrary to it appears, but will instead discredit the evidence regardless of its weight. Therefore it is necessary systematically to review one's theory frequently in the light of all facts to date.

In building a sound theory there are four steps:

(a) Get a clear definition of the problem. This may not be what first appears; be sure you know what the difficulty is.

(b) Cast about for possible solutions—not only the first one which occurs to you, but as many as you can figure out; then compare their merits and select the most probable one.

(c) Reason out the developments of this idea to its conclusion: by pushing it to a final conclusion you will probably be able to determine whether or not your idea or theory of the problem is warranted.

(d) Constantly test your theory by searching for further evidence, or by experiment. Keep your eyes open for and give honest weight to evidence indicating some other theory to be more probable.

To be complete, the case must answer the following questions: (a) What was the offense? (b) Where was it committed? (c) When was it done? (d) How was it accomplished? (e) Who did it? (f) Why did he do it?

Memorize these six words, *what, where, when, how, who, why*, and frequently test by them the completeness of both your theory and the facts so far actually established. This will be one of the greatest helps in planning what remains to be done.



Whenever a fact is found which points to a material conclusion, ask yourself: (a) Does this sufficiently prove the conclusion? (b) What else, if anything, will be necessary to establish or corroborate it in court?

A jury will only be convinced by a *complete* chain of circumstantial evidence, both as to facts, and the proof that they are facts. Constantly review this chain while following clues, to be sure no link is omitted. Also bear in mind that any one chain may be broken somewhere by the defense; therefore, build all the lines of evidence possible to your conclusion.

### **Tracks.**

Tracks are among our most important clues. If a fire was set, or other offense committed, by human agency, a man walked or rode there to do it. He may sidestep or cover up tracks in the immediate vicinity of the offense, or the tracks may be burned over or obliterated by others. Farther out he will settle down to a normal gait. If no tracks are found at or near the origin, widen out. Begin this wider search at the most likely points; but until the tracks are found conduct the search on a rigid system, so that no area will be overlooked.

### **Identification of tracks.**

Study of details is essential; dimensions and shape of imprint, nails (present and missing), seams, creases, cracks or other distinctive marks; wear, repairs; age of track, methods of putting down the foot (twist as foot strikes the ground, etc.); angle of feet (toes out, straight ahead, or in); and differences, if any, between the feet in this angle; barefoot, smooth, or rough-shod horse tracks; specially shaped or weighted shoes, and gait of animal (as trot or pace).

### **Age of track.**

This is shown by sharpness of impression, by moisture and color, whether leaves and dirt lumps have fallen into it, or tracks of insects, birds, etc., or other man-caused tracks, have yet crossed it; and by the condition of broken green twigs, etc. One of the best indications is the condition of manure dropped by an animal. A trail made at night is often known by the way it bumps into or makes detours around obstacles.

### **Other indications.**

Speed may be approximately shown by degree of slide at heel, depth of heel edge and toe edge, length of drag at toe, and distance between tracks. The class of person or animal can sometimes be deduced from tracks (high-heeled vaquero boots, new or pointed-toe city man's shoes, horse shoes or mule shoes, etc.); also whether drunk or sober; carrying burden or free (feet wider apart, steps shorter, and more unsteady with burden); and existence of bodily defects (step is shorter on lame leg; injured knee or hip twists foot tracks, etc.). A confidential talk with the local shoemaker or blacksmith, if there is one, will often throw light on the ownership of shoes which make a peculiar track.

### **Following tracks.**

This requires experience and skill. Points sometimes overlooked are the following: In dry pine needles, breakage or minute differences in color are often discernible on hands and knees, though the needles

have sprung back to position and no trace is visible while standing. Tracks in dry grass also require extremely close attention; barring wind, grass will usually hold what impression is made until the coming of night dew, fog, or rain. Through brush a trail can be followed by broken or skinned twigs near the ground although no signs are visible on the ground itself. When the trail is broken or lost, circle ahead in the probable direction of the trail. Stakes set by tracks found will help line up the course.

### **Comparing tracks.**

To convince a jury we must absolutely identify tracks found with known tracks of the suspect. A track may be compared with a foot or shoe for identifying marks. In respect to dimensions it is better to compare tracks, and also moving tracks with moving tracks, since tracks made in soft earth, especially at high speed, are always shorter than the foot making them, due to push toward center at heel and toe. Keep in mind that as a general proposition a track is little more than a clue. Standing alone, the cast of a track of an accused man is not very convincing to a jury. There must be other evidence on which to secure a conviction.

For the purpose of comparing the tracks found with those of the suspect, or of the horse or other animal of the suspect, induce him or the animals to traverse some soft surface in the vicinity of his home or out-buildings where distinctive tracks are likely to result. This will give opportunity for comparison at the proper time. However, examination or measurement should be made at the earliest possible date before obliteration or partial change in the track occurs.

### **Proficiency in tracking.**

Whether the tracks are those of autos or men or animals, proficiency in interpreting them can be gained only by actual practice and plenty of it. Trackers can not be made from books, but one tracker can often tell another new kinks, and we can all learn more by study of the work. Let every man keep his eyes open, and report new things of which he learns, or describe clues familiar to him but not mentioned here.

Moreover, many who know can not tell how they know. The importance of this must not be overlooked. In court we shall surely be asked this question, and the opposing attorney will discredit our testimony if we can't tell. "You must not only know that you know, but also know *how* you know."

### **Record of tracks.**

The original track, or a cast or replica of it, is the most convincing evidence in respect to it. The original footprint may often be solidified sufficiently to be dug out and preserved by means of water glass. This is specially useful in sand or sandy soils. If the soil containing the print is firm enough not to be displaced by it, the water glass may be poured directly into the print. If the soil is not firm enough, dig a shallow trench, 2 inches wide and of the same depth, around the print and 2 inches distant from it, and flow the water glass into the trench until it has been soaked up by the soil and shows on the surface of the print.

Then let it stand for a day. The print can not be pried out, but must be carefully freed by digging the soil away from around and under it. It must also be handled with much care thereafter, and this reduces the value of the method when conditions, such as transportation, are not favorable to the required care.

In this and many other cases a more desirable method is to make a cast of the track with dental plaster of Paris. Plaster of Paris sets quickly. From the cast a replica of the track can then be made, or not, as desired. When the soil composing the print is firm enough, the dry plaster may be placed on a large spoon and the arm of the spoon tapped lightly and frequently to allow the dry plaster to drop very slowly into the imprint, until the plaster bed has a thickness of one-eighth to one-fourth inch. Then with the fingers sprinkle clear water very lightly into the dry plaster in the imprint. Pour in some more dry plaster and again sprinkle with water. Repeat this process until the plaster cast is at least 1 inch in thickness. Let the cast rest in the imprint for at least 30 minutes, then cut around it with a jack knife and excavate the dirt deep enough to be sure that the cast will not be injured in removal. Take the cast and attached dirt to a pool of water, or stream, or trough, and wash off the dirt. For two or three hours the cast should be handled carefully until it has hardened sufficiently for transportation. If the imprint is shallow, a dam of earth should be built around it before the plaster of Paris is poured into it.

To make a replica of the original track from a cast, the upper surface of the cast should be as level as possible. The cast should be washed clean, and then greased, either with an oil which is fluid at air temperature, or, if thicker, heated until it is very fluid, so that no crevices or other marks may be filled up and thus be obliterated in the replica. The greasing is to prevent sticking. The cast is then laid, top down, in a suitable box or other flat-bottomed receptacle, and wet-mixed plaster or cement is flowed over it and reinforced, as in making a cast. The original cast or replica so made may be expected to be slightly too small to accommodate the boot or foot which made the track, by the time it gets to court, and care should be taken not to allow a jury to be prejudiced by this fact.

If it is not feasible to secure the footprint itself, or a cast of it, the best remaining method is to photograph the track. The camera lens must be exactly parallel to the surface photographed, to avoid distortion of the perspective. This may be done most conveniently by the aid of a clamp for attaching a camera to a board or other similar support at any required angle. For use in court the photograph may be enlarged to the exact size of the original. If in photographing, however, a rule is placed alongside the footprint, the scale of measurement will appear in the photograph itself, regardless of the size of the latter.

#### **Restoring mutilated papers.**

In piecing torn paper together, first hunt for corner pieces, then for edges, and afterward work up the interior. As the back of the paper may be important, it is advisable to paste the fragments on a trans-



parent medium like tracing linen, or to lay them between clean glass plates which may be bound together. If the writing on paper is not in copying ink or indelible pencil, the paper may be moistened by the spray from an atomizer or by the steam from a teakettle. This helps to straighten it out if it is badly curled or bent. Dim writing comes out plain in a photograph. Worn or fragile papers may be made indestructible for handling by dipping them in a solution of 1 part of stearine to 3 parts of collodion, and allowing them to dry 15 minutes.

#### **Preserving perishable evidence.**

Perishable evidence is often best preserved by placing it in cold storage. It may often be preserved in alcohol. In the absence of cold storage, formalin, or formaldehyde, is best for fish or game meat. These preservatives however destroy the natural color. If it is impossible to preserve any article of evidence, be sure to have witnesses to its finding, and its nature or identity, while it is yet in its original condition.

#### **Making use of experts.**

To the layman one of the most striking services of the expert is that of the microscopist, who deals with a world invisible to the unaided eye. He can tell from a hair, for example, whether it is from deer or beef, horse, dog, or human being, and the race, habits, and probable age of an original human possessor; from carpet sweeping dust the number, age, character, habits, food, and recent occupation of, as well as visitors recently entertained by, the occupants of the room from which taken; from finger-nail deposits the food, occupation, habits, and whereabouts of the person from whom they are taken, for a week or so prior to that time; and often substantially the same information from a shred of clothing, or even knives or other articles much handled by him. The microscopist can identify beyond question deer or other game meat or blood as distinguished from that of beef, chicken, etc.

It should also be borne in mind that expert testimony, which is usually in the nature of opinion rather than fact, must be given by the expert responsible for it and not by proxy, and arrangements should be anticipated for his attendance at court.

#### **Getting a lead.**

In deciding to whom to go for possible evidence, eliminate at once the busybodies, who always know all about it but generally know nothing worth much, and go after those who really know most or were first on the ground. Unless the act be incendiary or malicious, or done stealthily, the person to interview first is the one who committed the act, if this be practicable. No one knows more about the crime than the man who committed it, and the best results are generally obtained by getting in touch with him promptly. As a rule, under clever and prudent interrogation, the offender will invariably say something of value in the case. And he is liable to do this even when he is determined to suppress information relative to the offense. The same is true regarding those offenders who desire to suppress facts which might implicate them. Until the officer investigating a malicious or incendiary crime has sound



reasons for suspecting a particular person, that person should not be interviewed relative to the offense. No person should be directly charged with an offense by a forest officer. It is much better to discuss the crime on general grounds with the suspect. In other words, "speak softly." Always remember that a confession obtained after a threat or promise of leniency is not admissible as evidence to prove the guilt of the accused.

#### **Hints on interrogation.**

Knowledge of men is essential; nothing else can make up for a lack of it in this work. A witness will tell nothing or make but inaccurate and unimportant statements to an investigating officer without shrewdness and tact, while the very same witness will make precise, true, and important statements to an officer who can read him and knows how to handle him. The confidence of a man is often obtained by apparent interest in his business or hobby.

Persons having no interest in the offense or the offender will generally tell the truth; the testimony of those who have such an interest should at least be taken with caution. However, it should not be overlooked, that one of the latter class may be upright enough to tell the truth.

Truthful witnesses may be divided into those who are willing to tell what they know and those who are reluctant to do so. Most people are of the latter kind; the average American not only has an exaggerated unwillingness to "peach," even on a wrongdoer, but is himself so busy that he doesn't want to get mixed up in other peoples' troubles if he can avoid it.

#### **Attitude of officer.**

Much of the success to be gained depends upon the aptitude of the officer. Judge your man. Be firm and diplomatic with the bold, patient and considerate with the timid. Unnecessary officiousness or insolence will cause most men to refrain from further discussing the crime. After you have collected valuable information from any person you should then test his source of information, that is, whether he has acquired the knowledge by personal observation or through hearsay. This is very important, since many men unconsciously restate what they have heard as if they were the original discoverers of the information. Too much care can not be exercised in this regard.

#### **Getting the story.**

There are two considerations: (1) To get as complete a statement from the witness as possible. Be sure nothing essential is omitted, but don't let him ramble aimlessly. (2) To be sure he is telling the truth. The latter may not follow, even with willingness on his part.

The best safeguard is a clear mental picture of the case thus far, which shows us what we want to get, and thus prevents the omission of important items. The six watchwords of a complete case are again valuable reminders.

The method to be used depends much upon the witness. Unless he wanders beyond forbearance, it is best to let him tell his story straight through in his own way. Then question and rehash until it is certain

that he can not or will not add anything more of value. Take sufficient time, no matter how hurried you feel. Better not "start something" in the first place than be in too much of a hurry to permit getting the facts after you have started it.

Read to the witness what you have written, word for word; ask him if it is correct; change any items which he may desire corrected; have him sign it; and have his signature properly witnessed.

In case a witness refuses to make or to sign a written statement, but will talk, get him to talk in the presence of two or more reliable witnesses, and afterwards write down the essential parts, as nearly verbatim as possible, of the first witness' statements, either yourself or in collaboration with the others, to which they will swear in court.

In addition to the record of what was said, put down in your notebook the circumstances of the conversation, persons, witnesses, time, and also all the conclusions for future guidance which you can draw from the facts thus learned.

Some men can not be induced to make a statement, but say if they are put on the stand they will tell the truth. If their resolution not to talk can not be shaken, the only thing to do is to try to get indirectly as shrewd an idea as possible of what they can testify about.

#### **Unintentional offenders.**

The general methods indicated for the interrogation of witnesses apply largely to this class of trespassers, such, for example, as those who thoughtlessly leave camp fires burning, especially if they are inexperienced and did not realize the danger. Courteous treatment and an evident purpose only to do one's duty, with regret for the inconvenience necessarily inflicted, are usually more effective than treating them like common criminals, and will often induce confession, with a readiness to "take their medicine" and not do it again.

#### **Inaccuracy in statement.**

When a man is willing to tell the truth, untrue statements may result from the following causes:

(a) *Poor observation.*—A man may see only part of a total action and have a very inadequate or mistaken notion of the whole; a man sometimes sees what he expects to see; people often hear imperfectly or mistakenly.

(b) *Poor comprehension and reasoning.*—Inference is a part of every mental operation. When we see a clock face, we take for granted a clock is behind it, but this is not necessarily true; a tenderfoot thinks mountains are much nearer than they are, because he infers the distance which the given appearance implies in low country; illiterate people distort long sentences, and piece out by inference to a twisted meaning.

(c) *Poor memory.*—This is very common. Beware of people who remember everything; their testimony is usually open to suspicion. Memory can be helped by talking of the event in question, often as to unimportant incidents, or of a man's occupation connected with the thing to be remembered. But give him time; don't hurry. Do not press an emotional witness too far; there is real danger, especially with

such a person, that you may make him remember what he never saw or knew, except for your forcible suggestion.

(d) *Influence of other peoples' statements.*—Untrained persons who have seen or known part of an exciting incident unconsciously try to complete the matter by fitting what they have seen or know to details told by others. They may even end, without untruthful intent, by weaving the whole garbled mess into their own story as what they saw and heard and know.

(e) *Strong feeling.*—Excitement and fear often lead one to exaggerate, but sometimes to overlook important details.

(f) *Temperament, age, occupation.*—A ranger looking at a bunch of cattle sees also whether the range is overgrazed, or grazed in patches due to poor salting or water development; a city man sees cattle, but not the other factors, and couldn't be expected to give an intelligent statement on such matters.

(g) *Fear of consequences.*—Be sure to relieve a witness's mind of a possible impression that you want to implicate him, etc., if such inferences are without cause. Frightened people, imagining themselves suspected, always shuffle in testimony. This should be a danger signal, although the cause of the shuffling may not always be the one here discussed.

(h) *Poor questioning.*—Good questioning requires hard thinking. Be sure nothing is missed. Follow your own course and do not be led or pushed, either designedly or accidentally, by the witness.

### **Increasing the accuracy of statement.**

Much can be done by careful questioning and suggestion to clear up obscure statements or supply omissions. Check the witness' accuracy, for instance, as to height of people; ask him if the man he mentions is as tall as yourself; check distances by asking about something in sight; verify his power of recognizing persons, estimating numbers, etc. It is sometimes necessary to verify statements oneself, independently of the witness.

### **The main case.**

Arrange the material so that it tells the story in chronological order. Confine the main case to the material essential to a clear and complete chain of evidence. This gains the advantage of clearness of impression on the jury; too great a mass of evidence may muddle the main issue in their minds. Any additional material should be carefully worked up with a view to its use in rebuttal, or in connection with surprise defenses.

Have your record perfectly clear as to exactly what part of the chain the testimony of each witness and each piece of documentary evidence will cover, and just what link each exhibit will support. Avoid repetition as far as possible.

### **Appendix.**

A list of the witnesses, with brief notation of the exact facts to which each will testify, together with all documentary evidence and a list of exhibits, should be collected in an appendix, each separate item being designated by letter, as, for example, "Exhibit A." At the appropriate



points in the narrative record, these documents, etc., should then be referred to only by exhibit designation. This helps both in completeness and in keeping the narrative clear.

#### **Use of maps in civil suits.**

The trespass map must show completely the facts of trespass and damage suffered. It should include, therefore, land section, township and range, boundaries, and should cover species or type, size of timber, and nature and extent of damage.

#### **The court map.**

The map to be presented in court should be on a scale large enough to be legible when hung up so that all the jury can see it at once since it is much more effective when used in this way. It should be confined to the data essential for the purpose, but it should show this with the utmost clearness. Its legend should also give its "approximate scale," and, if angles of view are material, a statement that these are correct. Every care should then be used to see that they are correct. Any "trespass" or other designation on the original, to which the defense could object as tending to prejudice the jury in advance, must be carefully omitted.

As to land boundaries, the proclamation diagrams of the national forests can always be found in the biennial volume of the United States Statutes at Large, covering the year in which they were issued. Private land boundaries can be gotten from Forest Service status, and verified and certified by the United States Land Office if desired.

#### **Report to district forester.**

A report in accordance with special form (see Criminal forms) must be made and forwarded to the district forester on each case prosecuted in a State court as soon as possible after the trial shall have ended. This is absolutely necessary in order that proper check may be made of the progress of law-enforcement work and in order that the assistant to the solicitor may be furnished with the data for his monthly report to the solicitor. Reports on cases to be prosecuted in the Federal courts must be submitted to the district forester before legal action is initiated. Should the prosecuting attorney of the county or the supervisor desire assistance in the handling of a criminal trespass in the State court, a special report of the circumstances should be sent immediately to the district forester.

#### **Expenses of forest employees in criminal prosecutions.**

Forest officers will be officially reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred in accordance with the fiscal and administrative regulations of the Department of Agriculture in the transportation of a person arrested without warrant, by a forest employee, and for necessary subsistence of such person at hotel, etc., until he is delivered to the jurisdiction of a United States commissioner or to the jurisdiction of a police judge, probate judge, or justice of the peace. If an offender is brought before a United States commissioner or a State magistrate on a warrant, all expenses incurred after the issuance of the warrant (except the forest officer's salary and expenses) are chargeable to the Federal court through the commissioner, or to the proper city or county through the police judge, probate judge, or justice of the peace, as the case may be. Sub-



pœnaes should be issued for Government witnesses so that their mileage and fees may be paid by the United States commissioner, or by the local justice if the case be prosecuted in a State court. The Forest Service can not legally pay mileage or fees of offenders or witnesses already under the jurisdiction of Federal or State courts. Expenses, as well as the time of forest officers for other needed duties, may often be saved to the Forests Service by making use of sheriffs and constables and United States deputy marshals for the serving of warrants and subpœnas, and for other such assistance. In particular, the hiring of men for posse needs, or to accompany officers for identification of witnesses, in State cases can appropriately be assumed by the counties, and its expenses should by the above means be transferred to them when it is feasible to do so. However, it sometimes happens that neither the Federal court nor the State court can pay the mileage or fees of a necessary Government witness because of legal restrictions. In a case of this kind, local administration would justify the hiring by the Forest Service of the proposed witness as temporary laborer during the period necessary to attend the hearing and trial. Under these circumstances the temporary laborer would receive reimbursement for his transportation and other expenses incurred while attending the hearing and trial, on Form 4 accompanied by subvoucher 4a. It is impossible to frame general instructions which will fit every contingency. In case of any doubt, specific advice should be sought before incurring the contemplated expense.

#### **Search without search warrant.**

Forest employees who, pursuant to the laws of Idaho and Montana, have been appointed or designated as deputy fish and game wardens may *without a warrant* search certain places and articles for any species of game animals or fish or fur-bearing animals or game birds illegally obtained. No authority is conferred by law on any officer whether Federal or State to search a man's home or the outbuildings connected with his home without a search warrant.

Under the Montana law, deputy game wardens, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, State forest officers, constables, and other peace officers are empowered to search *without warrant* for game animals, fish, fur-bearing animals, or game birds, or parts thereof, any camper's tent, boat, car, automobile, or other vehicle, box, locker, basket, creel, crate, game bag, or other package. With a search warrant any of these officers may search a residence or other building, or places, or articles, not defined above. The Montana law does not specifically authorize national forest employees to act as deputy game wardens. They must be appointed by the State fish and game warden before they can legally perform the duties of such wardens.

National Forest supervisors, deputy supervisors, and rangers located in Idaho are specifically empowered by statute to perform the duties of deputy game wardens. Other national forest employees in Idaho must be appointed by the State fish and game warden before they can legally act. In practice all forest officers in Idaho receive from the game bureau a commission as evidence of their right to enforce the game

laws. Deputy game wardens and all other peace officers of Idaho may search *without warrant* depots, cars, warehouses, cold-storage rooms, warerooms, restaurants, hotels, lodging houses, markets, baggage, packages, tents, wagons, autos, vehicles, and camps, upon reasonable suspicion, for game animals, fish, or birds, or fur-bearing animals, captured in violation of law. Other places and personal effects may be searched for game animals, game fish, game birds, and fur-bearing animals, under authority of a search warrant. A search warrant should be read to the owner or occupant of the place or thing to be searched.

## **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS.**

### **United States commissioners.**

A United States commissioner is an officer of the United States district court in the district for which he is appointed. He exercises criminal jurisdiction within very narrow limits. He has no power to impose a penalty for any offense. Neither can he inflict punishment for contempt of his court. All he can do regarding contempt offenses is to report them to the proper United States district judge for disposition.

### **Powers and duties.**

In criminal matters a United States commissioner is authorized by Federal law to issue warrants, upon proper complaint, for the arrest of offenders against the laws of the United States, and cause them to furnish bail pending trial. He may cause any alleged offender to be imprisoned pending trial by the United States district court if the accused fails to furnish satisfactory bond for his appearance for trial.

### **Criminal complaints.**

Unless a sufficient complaint under oath is filed with a United States commissioner and a showing of probable cause for holding the accused for trial be made, there is no legal authority for keeping the defendant under bail or in prison.

The laws of each State in Forest Service district 1 require a criminal complaint to be sworn to and based on the personal knowledge of the person making the charge. Therefore a criminal complaint filed by a forest employee or other person, with a United States commissioner, must be supported by oath, and the facts showing the crime, and that in all probability it was committed by the accused, must be within the personal knowledge of the deponent. A form of criminal complaint is incorporated in this book. A certified copy of the complaint should be attached to the warrant of arrest in order to inform the defendant of the substance of the charge against him.

### **Criminal complaint; general features.**

The complaint must designate the specific offense committed and specify the statute and section violated, with such particulars of time, place, person, and property as will enable the defendant to understand clearly the character of the offense charged. Extreme care should be

used in drawing the complaint, since not only the arrest but the case in court will be based upon it. In the wording of the complaint the language of the law invoked should be closely followed. Include only what you are sure you can prove. In a larceny case, for example, the exact items and numbers charged as stolen must be proved or the case will fail. Charge the easiest offense to prove, for instance, having game in possession out of season, rather than killing, unless evidence on the latter is ironclad.

Each offense, whether under the same or separate sections of the statute, should be made a separate count. If several men are taken for one offense, they should be charged jointly, since this saves time and expense in multiplication of cases.

#### **Arrest of the accused; serving the warrant.**

There are two ways by which a person known to have committed an offense against any Federal forest law may be brought before a United States commissioner for preliminary hearing.

(1) Any employee of the Forest Service may arrest any person found by such employee violating any law or regulation relating to the national forests.

After arrest the prisoner should be taken immediately before a United States commissioner, where a written or printed complaint under oath must be filed by the forest employee who made the arrest or by any other person who has personal knowledge that the prisoner committed the crime.

(2) The forest employee may first file a complaint under oath with the United States commissioner, who will issue a warrant for the arrest of the accused. This warrant may be directed to the forest employee for execution, or to the United States marshal or his deputy, provided the offense charged is a violation of any law or regulation applicable to national forests. If it be necessary to expedite the arrest, the forest employee may execute or serve the warrant.

If the offense charged be against some other Federal law, such as that governing the stealing or embezzling of personal property or money of the United States, a forest employee is without authority to execute the warrant, even though he is the complaining witness. The arrest must be made by a United States marshal or one of his deputies.

Whether the arrest be made by a forest employee or by an employee of the United States marshal's office, the complaining forest employee and the other Government witnesses in the case should appear at the preliminary hearing before the United States commissioner, in order to prove to the commissioner that there is probable cause on which to require the prisoner to appear for trial in the United States district court.

#### **Attendance of witnesses.**

Just as soon as the forest employee files, or has caused to be filed, a formal criminal complaint with a United States commissioner, he should furnish the commissioner with the names and post-office addresses of the witnesses for the Government, other than forest employees. Forest



employees should appear voluntarily at the preliminary hearing, if necessary.

The commissioner will then issue a subpoena for each witness desired, not, however, exceeding four. Only four witnesses can be legally subpoenaed at the expense of the United States to testify at a criminal preliminary hearing before a United States commissioner, unless under specific authority from the United States district attorney.

#### **Subpoena and service thereof.**

A subpoena issued by a United States commissioner can not be served legally by a forest employee. This function is performed by the United States marshal or his deputy. Usually the delay incidental to the service of a subpoena by the United States marshal's office causes considerable inconvenience in getting action before the United States commissioner. Generally speaking, however, the Forest Service will have little difficulty in expediting preliminary hearings, since it is seldom necessary to have at the hearing other than forest employees to establish probable cause.

#### **Arraignment of the accused.**

Upon arraignment before the United States commissioner the criminal complaint should be read and explained to the accused. The defendant should be given reasonable opportunity to employ legal counsel, should he desire to do so, before any testimony is introduced. The defendant may waive hearing and ask to have his case sent to the United States grand jury for consideration. In the latter case there is, of course, no need for the introduction of evidence.

#### **Postponement of preliminary hearing.**

It is within the power of a United States commissioner to postpone from day to day a preliminary hearing so long as he does not abuse the privilege.

#### **Witnesses.**

A witness in a criminal case may be required by the United States commissioner, presiding at the preliminary hearing, to give bond or recognizance for his appearance to testify in the United States district court at the trial of the accused. If the bond required is not furnished the United States commissioner may commit the witness to prison until the date of the trial.

#### **Witness fees.**

In criminal proceedings before United States commissioners the witness fees prescribed by law are limited to \$1.50 per day and 5 cents per mile for travel each way. A witness who appears voluntarily to testify is entitled to fees if he be one of the limited number allowed.

#### **Search warrants.**

United States commissioners are not authorized to issue search warrants as a general proposition. In a few specific instances the Federal statutes permit a commissioner to issue a search warrant upon a proper showing. None of these special laws relates to the activities of the Forest Service. Should the interests of the service require that a search



of any particular place be made, to recover Government property stolen or unlawfully concealed, the forest officer in charge of the property should explain in full the circumstances to the district forester. The United States district judge will then, if advisable, be requested to issue the search warrant.

### **Hearing.**

The presentation of a case to a United States commissioner is usually a very simple matter. In general the methods employed in a State justice's court are permissible. There is no jury to select, as frequently must be done in a justice's court. The commissioner is the judge of the facts submitted and from them determines whether or not there is probable cause for holding the accused for trial. All that the forest officer in charge of the case for the Government has to do is to present in logical order the facts or circumstances which he deems sufficient to convince the commissioner that the offender should be bound to appear for trial by the United States district court. If the case should be based on disputed points of law, or if it be too complicated for thorough presentation by the local forest officer, the services of the assistant to the solicitor or the law enforcement officer should be requested through the district forester by letter, wire, or telephone.

### **Report.**

If practicable a written statement of the facts of each case to be heard before a United States commissioner should be submitted to the district forester prior to the date of hearing. In any event a full trespass report (outline S74-20) must be forwarded to the district forester immediately after the preliminary hearing, unless the accused be discharged from custody by the commissioner. The district forester should be informed of the reasons for the discharge of the accused and of the particular facts showing the insufficiency of the case of the Government.

### **State justice may perform functions of United States commissioner.**

Under section 1014 of the United States Revised Statutes a State justice of the peace, probate judge, or other magistrate, or mayor of a city, may act as a committing officer, issue warrants of arrest on proper complaint for offenses against the laws of the United States, and hold a hearing to determine whether or not there is probable cause for requiring the accused to appear for trial in the United States district court. In fact, a State justice has authority to exercise all of the legal functions that any United States commissioner may perform at or in connection with a preliminary hearing under the Federal laws.

The State justice in a case conducted by him should use in a modified way the criminal forms adopted for practice before United States commissioners. A transcript of the entire proceedings, including copies of all writs issued and a statement showing the disposition made of the prisoner, should be submitted speedily by the justice to the clerk of the United States district court. The transcript should be accompanied by an itemized account of the fees due the justice for acting in the case. These fees will be paid on the approval of the clerk or judge of the United

States district court corresponding to the amount paid by the county for similar services.

If the office of a United States commissioner be easily accessible to a complaining forest employee, a criminal case should not be set before a State justice. It is advisable to have the consent of the State justice to hold the hearing before him, before the offender is brought into his court. The reason for this is that the State justice may not want to hear the case or may feel that he is not authorized legally to hear and pass on the evidence, or it may be that the necessary forms are not readily available for his use. The forest employee should do everything reasonable to assist the justice in handling the case.

### **Criminal forms.**

A limited number of specimen forms used by United States commissioners in criminal cases are incorporated in this volume.

### **Defendant.**

The person charged with the commission of any crime against the United States is entitled to be represented by legal counsel at the preliminary hearing before the United States commissioner. It is his right to take every technical advantage possible of the situation to procure the quashing or dismissal of the complaint. He should be informed of his right to do so, and he must be given ample opportunity to secure counsel.

### **Information; indictment; trial.**

After an accused person shall have been held or bound over by a United States commissioner for trial the next step in the criminal proceedings is the filing of an information by the United States district attorney, or the finding of an indictment by a Federal grand jury. If the offense be a felony or other infamous crime, the constitution of the United States requires that the accused must be indicted. Only in case of a misdemeanor (an offense not punishable by imprisonment exceeding one year or at hard labor) can an information be filed in the United States district court. After the filing of an information or the finding of an indictment the case will be set for trial. All of this work is under the direction of the United States district attorney.

### **Writs of United States commissioners.**

Warrants of arrest and other writs issued by United States commissioners, or by State justices while exercising the functions of a commissioner, do not run outside of the judicial district for which the judicial officer is appointed. If it be desired to remove a person accused of crime to the judicial district within which the crime was committed and to the jurisdiction of the United States commissioner who issued the warrant the said warrant or a certified copy of it or of the indictment or information must be sent to some United States commissioner in the district or State where the accused is located, with request that another warrant be issued for the arrest of the offender. Upon a proper showing the warrant will issue and the United States marshal or his deputy for the district in which the accused is found will execute the warrant. The prisoner is then entitled to a hearing before the United States com-

missioner who issued the second warrant for his arrest. If probable cause be found for holding the prisoner, the record of the proceedings will be sent to the judge of the United States court for the district where the offender had been apprehended.

The prisoner is entitled to notice of the proposal to remove him to the district or State where the alleged offense was committed, and to a hearing before the judge requested to order the removal. At this hearing the prisoner may contest the right to remove him and introduce evidence to prove his innocence. Upon a satisfactory showing by the Government the judge will issue the warrant for the return of the accused to the State or district having jurisdiction to try the charges. As a rule, removal proceedings are handled by the United States attorneys of the districts interested.

NOTE.—A United States judicial district may comprise a whole State or a part of a State.

#### **Limitation on criminal action in Federal courts.**

No indictment shall be found, nor shall any presentment be made without the concurrence of at least 12 grand jurors. All crimes and offenses committed against the United States which are not infamous may be prosecuted either by indictment or by information filed by a district attorney. No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for treason or other criminal offense, willful murder excepted, unless the indictment is found or the information is instituted within three years next after such treason or criminal offense is done or committed. (See United States Revised Statutes, secs. 1021, 1022, 1043, and 1044 as amended by act of April 12, 1876.)

## **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE IN JUSTICES' COURTS OF MONTANA.**

### **Justice of the peace.**

A justice of the peace in Montana is vested by law with criminal jurisdiction of a limited character. He has authority to hear criminal charges in all cases of misdemeanor where the penalty is a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. In this class of cases a justice may impose the penalty after the guilt of an accused person has been found in the legal way. Warrants of arrest subpœnas, search warrants, and other writs necessary to enforce his authority may be issued by the justice. Under the law he is a magistrate. He may punish for contempt of his court.

Whenever the statutes provide that a certain function must be performed or exercised by a magistrate, a justice of the peace may do it. He may issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with felonies and hold them for trial after preliminary hearing, although he has no power to try cases of felony.

In case of an offense against any Federal law he may act as a committing magistrate with all of the power conferred by law on a United States commissioner. For a discussion of the powers of a justice of the



peace while acting as a committing magistrate under Federal law, read the article under "Criminal procedure before United States commissioners," subtitle, "State justice may perform functions of United States commissioner."

### **Felony.**

Under Montana law a felony is a crime punishable with death or imprisonment in the State prison. All other crimes are misdemeanors. It is well to remember that a county jail is not a State prison.

A crime declared to be a felony by the Montana Legislature is punishable by imprisonment in the State prison for not more than 5 years unless otherwise specifically provided by the legislature. As a general rule, the legislature provides the penalty in the enactment, but in many instances it classifies the crime only, thereby permitting the court to inflict punishment under the general penalty. The prosecution for a felony is begun by the filing of a information by the county or prosecuting attorney, or by the finding of an indictment by a grand jury of the county.

### **Misdemeanor.**

A misdemeanor is any crime not declared to be a felony by the Montana Legislature. The punishment for misdemeanor is a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both, unless a different punishment is specifically provided by law. It frequently happens that the legislature defines the penalty for a crime but does not specifically state whether the crime is a felony or misdemeanor. In this kind of a case you should refer to the definition of felony and of misdemeanor in order properly to classify the crime. The prosecution for a misdemeanor is generally commenced by the filing of a complaint under oath. Sometimes the prosecution is begun by information or indictment.

### **Territorial jurisdiction.**

Under the statute each township should elect two justices of the peace. The boundaries of each township are defined by the county commissioners. A justice of the peace may hold court for the justice of the peace of any other township in the county, upon request of the latter. Any misdemeanor committed within the county may be tried by any justice of the peace of the county. The practice is, however, to bring the offender before the nearest justice for preliminary hearing or trial. While a justice of the peace may not be legally authorized to punish for a felony, he has jurisdiction as a magistrate to issue a warrant for the arrest of a person charged with the commission of a felony committed within the county and to bind the accused for trial.

### **Warrant of arrest.**

A warrant of arrest or other writ issued by a justice of the peace *may be executed in any part of the State* by the sheriff, constable, marshal, or policeman of the county in which it was issued. A specimen warrant of arrest is inclosed in this volume under the subtitle "Criminal forms." As a general proposition, a warrant of arrest or other writ of a justice



of the peace must be directed for service to a sheriff, constable, marshal, or policeman. If the offense charged be against any of the forest-fire laws of the State, a duly qualified forest officer may also be directed to execute the warrant, because forest officers, under the State forest fire law, are ex officio fire wardens. Should the crime be against any of the game laws of the State, the warrant may also be directed for service to a forest employee, provided he has been appointed a State deputy game warden. Should there be no duly elected and qualified constable for the justice township, the justice of the peace may depute a special constable to serve a summons, subpoena, warrant of arrest, or other writ necessary to enforce his legal authority.

### **Complaint.**

All criminal actions in justice of the peace courts are begun by complaint. This document must be under the oath of some person who from personal knowledge is familiar with the facts of the crime charged.

The Montana statute provides that the complaint must state:

- (1) The name of the person accused, if known.
- (2) The county in which the offense was committed.
- (3) The general name of the offense.
- (4) The person against whom, or against whose property the offense was committed.
- (5) If the offense be against property, a general description of the property must be given.
- (6) Particulars as to time and place of the offense.
- (7) The crime may be defined in the words of the statute applicable in the case.
- (8) The complaint must be subscribed and sworn to.

A specimen copy of a complaint may be found in this volume under the subtitle "Criminal Forms."

### **Arrest without warrant.**

A *national forest officer* located in Montana may arrest without warrant a person violating in his presence any of the forest fire laws of the State.

Any *national forest officer or employee* who holds a commission as State deputy game warden may arrest without a warrant anyone violating in his presence any of the fish or other game laws of the State.

If the offense committed be a felony, such as *maliciously setting* on fire any timber land, the arrest may be made upon reasonable suspicion by the forest officer or employee, provided he has the qualifications defined above.

As a private citizen a forest employee may make an arrest for a public offense committed in his presence or when a felony has in fact been committed and he has reasonable grounds for believing that the person arrested committed it. Should he make a mistake, however, he would be liable in civil damages to the party injured, whereas if he were operating by authority of a legal warrant, he would not be so liable.

NOTE.—These powers are derived from the statutes of Montana and not by virtue of your selection as national forest employees.

**Arrest.**

To make an arrest it is not necessary physically to seize the offender. If, upon the request of an officer, the accused subjects himself to the authority of the officer, the arrest is complete. However, if the accused will not submit, all force reasonably necessary to remove the prisoner to the presence of a justice of the peace for hearing may be used. Furthermore, the officer making the arrest may summon orally as many persons as he deems necessary to accomplish the arrest. An arrest for a misdemeanor can not be legally made at night unless under the direction of the justice or magistrate indorsed on the warrant. In case of felony the arrest may be made during the day or night. The offender must be advised of the intention to arrest him and of the authority of the officer, except when the criminal is found engaged in the commission of the crime. Forest officers acting under the authority of a warrant must show it to the accused. It is good practice to read it to the offender. All weapons found on the person arrested may be taken from him. They must be delivered to the magistrate or justice.

**Limitation of criminal action.**

In case of misdemeanor a complaint, information, or indictment must be filed within one year from the date of the offense, or the action is legally barred. If the crime be a felony, the information must be filed, or indictment must be found within five years from the date of the offense, or the criminal prosecution can not be legally commenced. There is no limitation on the commencement of legal proceedings to punish for murder or manslaughter. The above limitations do not apply if the offender has fled or removed from the State. They apply only to actual residence within the State. Upon return to the State where the offense was committed the offender may be prosecuted for the crime if his total residence in the State since the commission of the offense has not been more than the limitation period.

**Rights of defendant.**

A person formally accused of crime of any kind shall have the right:

- (1) To appear and defend in person or by counsel.
- (2) To demand the nature and cause of the action.
- (3) To meet the witnesses face to face.
- (4) To have process to compel the attendance of witnesses in his behalf whether they reside within or without the county in which he is to be tried.
- (5) A speedy and impartial trial by a jury of the county in which the offense is alleged to have been committed.
- (6) To have a change of venue upon a proper showing.
- (7) Not to be prosecuted a second time for a public offense for which he was previously prosecuted and convicted or acquitted.
- (8) Can not be compelled to be a witness against himself.
- (9) Can not be punished for a public offense except upon a legal conviction.
- (10) Unless upon a plea of guilty, no person can be convicted of a felony without the verdict of a jury of 12 qualified persons being accepted and recorded by the court.

(11) No defendant can be punished for a misdemeanor except upon a plea of guilty, unless a verdict of "guilty" is delivered to the court by a legal jury. The defendant may waive a jury and submit his case to the judgment of the court.

(12) Must be taken before the magistrate who issued the warrant for his arrest or some other magistrate of the same county if the alleged crime be a felony. (NOTE.—This is for preliminary hearing only.)

(13) If the crime charged is a misdemeanor, and the arrest is made in another county, the defendant at his request must be taken before the nearest magistrate in order that he may be promptly bailed. If bail be not forthwith furnished, the officer must take his prisoner before the magistrate who issued the warrant. Should the latter be absent or unable to act, the prisoner must be taken before the nearest or most accessible magistrate in the same county.

(14) The defendant must be brought as promptly as possible before the magistrate for hearing.

(15) Reasonable opportunity to secure the services of counsel must be given to the defendant.

(16) If the defendant is brought before a justice other than the one who issued the warrant of arrest, the *complaint* on which the warrant was issued must be in the possession of that justice.

(17) In general, the officer making the arrest must take the prisoner before the nearest magistrate of the county in which the offense is triable. The officer must deliver to the magistrate the complaint and warrant with his return indorsed on the warrant.

(18) If arrested without a warrant, the defendant must be promptly taken before the nearest magistrate, and he is entitled to have a formal complaint under oath filed against him immediately, so that he may know definitely the nature of the charge against him. He is also entitled to all of the rights above specified.

(19) Must be present in court before the trial can proceed.

(20) Except in certain specified cases a wife can not testify against her husband without his consent, nor a husband against his wife without her consent.

(21) The right to appeal from a judgment of the justice's court and to have a trial anew in the district court.

### **Bail.**

The prisoner at any time after his arrest and before his conviction may be admitted to bail by the justice's court.

### **Magistrates.**

A magistrate is an officer having authority to issue a warrant of arrest. In Montana justices of the supreme court, judges of the district court, justices of the peace, and police justices are magistrates. The magistrate may examine any person who files with him a criminal complaint to determine the degree of personal knowledge of the crime possessed by the complainant.



**Peace officers.**

Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, marshals, and policemen are peace officers.

**Jury.**

In the court of a justice of the peace, a legal jury is composed of six qualified persons. The defendant may agree to any number less than six persons; or the accused may waive his right to have a jury try his case and permit the court to hear and pass on the facts as well as the law of the case. The jury of a justice's court may be summoned orally by any sheriff, constable, marshal, or policeman of the county. If there be no duly qualified constable in the justice township, the justice is legally authorized to appoint a special constable to summon a jury.

The assent of two-thirds of the jury in a justice's court is all that is necessary for a verdict if the charge against the defendant be a misdemeanor. If the offense charged is a felony, the verdict of the jury in a district court finding the accused guilty must be based on unanimous consent.

If a jury be discharged without reaching a verdict, the defendant may be tried again. A jury may fix the punishment within the limitations provided by law. Should it fail to do so, the justice of the peace will fix it. An erroneous verdict may be modified by the court. Judicial, military, and civil officers of the State and of the United States are exempt from jury service. These officers must, however, respond if subpoenaed. Their claim for exemption should then be presented to the court.

**Qualifications of jurors.**

(1) A competent juror must be a male citizen of the United States over 21 years of age and not over 70.

(2) He must be a resident of the State at least 1 year and of the county 90 days.

(3) He must be in possession of his natural faculties and of ordinary intelligence.

(4) He must have sufficient knowledge of the English language.

(5) He must be assessed on the last assessment roll of the county on property belonging to him.

**Information; indictment.**

There is no substantial difference between an information and an indictment. Both are formal accusations of crime. The first is usually filed in the court by the county attorney, and the other is filed in the same place by a grand jury.

**Grand jury.**

In Montana a grand jury is composed of seven qualified men selected from the citizens of the county to inquire into any public offense committed in the county and to find an indictment of the offender.

**Crimes committed near boundary.**

If a crime is committed in Montana within 500 yards of the boundary coincident to two counties, either county has jurisdiction to try the



offender and impose a penalty. If property obtained through larceny, burglary, or robbery be brought into a county from another within Montana, either county has jurisdiction to try the criminal. A person who steals property in another State and brings it into Montana may be tried in any county into or through which the property has been brought.

### **Subpœna.**

A subpœna is a process or a writ by which the attendance of a witness is required at a specified time and place to testify regarding the matter in hearing. The subpœna may require the witness to bring with him into court any book, document, or other thing under his control which he is bound by law to produce as evidence. Service of a subpœna is made by showing the original and *delivering a copy* to the witness personally. If the witness does not respond after legal service, he may be punished for contempt of court. A subpœna may be served by any person. Usually it is served by a sheriff, marshal, constable, policeman, or game or fire warden. If served by a forest employee, he should make his return on the back of the original and return it to the justice. Upon failure of a witness to appear at the time and place specified in the subpœna, the justice may issue a warrant for the arrest of the witness. The warrant must be directed to the sheriff of the county for execution. The magistrate before whom the complaint is filed or before whom the case is set for trial usually issues the subpœna to the witness. The county attorney may also issue subpœneas for witnesses to support a prosecution, or to attend a sitting of the grand jury, or to support an information or indictment, or to appear before the court in which the trial is held.

No person is obliged to attend as a witness before a court or magistrate out of the county in which the witness resides, unless the judge of the court in which the offense is triable, or a justice of the supreme court, or a judge of the district court, shall indorse on the subpœna an order to attend. This indorsement is usually attached to the subpœna after a proper showing is made by affidavit of the county attorney, of the materiality of the witness. The defendant or his counsel may also require the attendance of witnesses in his favor through the same channel. Fees are not advanced; but if the witness is too poor to pay the expenses pending reimbursement, the court may order the clerk to advance the expenses of the witness. No fees are advanced to witnesses residing within the county.

A specimen copy of subpœna is incorporated in this book under the title, "Criminal forms."

### **Witnesses.**

To be competent, a witness must be of sound mind. Generally speaking, the witness must be over 10 years of age. A defendant in a criminal case can not be compelled to be a witness against himself. He may, however, testify on his own behalf if he so desires. When he appears on the stand, he is subject to examination like any other witness, and his testimony may be used for or against him, as the facts warrant. When two or more persons are accused jointly of an offense, any one may testify

against the other or others, but his testimony can not be used later against him in the criminal action. The method of compelling witnesses to attend criminal trials is treated under the subtitle, "Subpœna." If a witness willfully disobeys any lawful order, process, or writ of a court or magistrate, he is liable to a fine of not more than \$500 or to imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. In criminal cases the fees and expenses of witnesses living within the county need not be advanced. However, upon a showing of poverty the judge of the district court may draw a warrant on the county treasurer for the reasonable expenses of the witness. A witness at a hearing before a justice's court may be required to furnish an undertaking for his further appearance in the case. If he fails to furnish the security, he may be committed to jail until his deposition can be taken. For fees in justice's court a witness is allowed for each day in attendance \$1.50 and 10 cents for each mile traveled to and from place of hearing or trial.

### **Plea.**

Upon arraignment the accused may enter a plea of guilty, or he may offer a plea of not guilty and demand trial in the manner prescribed by law. If a plea of guilty be entered, the case need not be submitted to a jury. This plea is usually made orally. He may demur to the complaint or move to have it quashed.

### **Selection of jury.**

A challenge to the entire panel may be offered by the defendant or the prosecution. The challenge must be founded on some irregularity in the drawing. In a trial in a justice's court the defendant is entitled to four peremptory challenges and the State to two. A peremptory challenge is an objection to a juror for which no reason need be given. There is no limit to the number of challenges for cause. The court in each case passes on the challenge for cause. Challenges for cause are made for conviction of felony, unsound mind, being prejudiced, relationship to the defendant, agency, close business relationship to the defendant, having served on the grand jury that brought in the indictment, having formed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and other reasons.

### **Postponement.**

Before the commencement of a criminal trial in any court either party to the proceedings may *upon good cause shown* have a reasonable postponement. The reasonableness of the request will be decided by the judge. Usually affidavits to support the request must be presented.

### **Prosecution of a corporation for crime.**

A corporation may be prosecuted for a criminal offense just as well as a natural person. The mode of procedure in general is very similar to that employed when a natural person is brought to the bar of justice. A criminal complaint may be filed before a justice of the peace charging a corporation by its corporate title with the offense committed by it. The justice will then issue what is known as a summons (copy incorporated in this work), which may be served in the same manner as a

subpœna upon the president or other head of the corporation, or upon the secretary, cashier, or managing agent.

Upon the day set for hearing, after proofs are submitted, the magistrate will certify upon the complaint that there is or is not probable cause for holding the corporation for trial in the district court. The magistrate will then send the complaint to the clerk of the district court where the county attorney, on leave of the court, files an information against the corporation, or has it indicted by a grand jury. Corporations are not punished for their crimes by justices' or police courts. The only function of the justice in this class of cases is to make his finding of the probable guilt of the corporation and transmit it to the district court. The county attorney then handles the prosecution of the corporation. Before proceeding against a corporation it would be advisable for forest officers to confer with the county or prosecuting attorney so as to reach a thorough understanding relative to the use of the evidence of guilt available, and the method of procedure.

### **Trial.**

After motions and demurrers are disposed of, the first step in a criminal trial is the selection of a jury to try the case. The submission of evidence in natural order takes place next. Usually the State presents its side of the case first and the defense secondly. Each witness, whether for the prosecution or defense, must give testimony based on personal knowledge of the crime or of some fact tending to connect the accused with the crime.

All witnesses are subject to cross-examination and impeachment. Careful examination may be made to test their prejudices, their opportunity to observe, their intelligence, and their ability to get a mental picture of the occurrences which they relate. Most of this is done on cross-examination. There is one exception to this rule, and that is in the case of witnesses known as "experts." Within certain restrictions an expert witness may declare his opinion of the effect of facts known or presumed to be true.

The accuracy of maps, charts, photographs, and other exhibits presented for use at the trial may be tested, and the qualifications of the makers inquired into very closely. This rule applies also to the authors of technical books. In fact, it applies to everything submitted for the examination of the court and jury. (See topic "Maps and photographs.")

In presenting a case it should always be remembered that the judge is the arbiter of the law and the jury the judge of the facts. It is very necessary to present a case in plain understandable English since, as a rule, a jury is composed of ordinary men of rather limited education. The answers of forest employees acting as witnesses in a criminal case should be in the simplest language possible, brief and to the point. Evasive answers make a bad impression on the court and jury.

A jury in a criminal trial must sit together after hearing the charge until they have reached a verdict, or their disagreement is approved by the court. Misconduct of a trial jury may be grounds for a new trial of the defendant, should it bring in a verdict of guilty. The jury may de-



side the case in the court room or retire for deliberation. The jury is sworn before it takes up the consideration of the evidence.

The defendant must be present before the trial can be legally begun.

### **New trial in general.**

A new trial may be granted on any of the following ground: If the jury receives evidence for consideration outside of that submitted to the court; separation without leave of the court; misdirection by the court on any material point of law; when the verdict is contrary to the law and the evidence; discovery of new evidence not known to the defendant at time of trial and which could not be discovered with reasonable diligence, etc.

### **Verdict.**

The verdict of a jury must be delivered to the court publicly. If there are several defendants, the jury may render a verdict as to those on which they have agreed. Upon disagreement regarding the others the court should be informed. Those regarding whom no verdict was reached may be tried by another jury. Only the assent of two-thirds of the number on the jury is required for a legal verdict in a justice's court.

### **Judgment.**

If the accused be found guilty of a misdemeanor, the judgment of the court may be rendered in his absence. A judgment for felony in the district court must be delivered by the judge in presence of the defendant. The judgment of a justice's or police court must not be rendered more than 2 days nor less than 6 hours after the verdict unless the defendant agrees to a different time.

### **Appeal.**

A defendant in a justice's or police court case may appeal from the judgment at any time within 10 days to the district court, where a new trial of the charges in every respect will be held. The notice of appeal is given in open court at the time of rendition of judgment, or by a written notice within 5 days thereafter. In order to secure a new trial in the district court, an undertaking to guarantee the fine and costs of the case must be filed in the justice's or police court. The defendant may be bailed pending his trial by the district court.

### **Police courts.**

A police magistrate or justice is an officer having jurisdiction of misdemeanors and acts declared by ordinance to be offenses, committed within cities or towns. His powers are like those of a justice of the peace.

### **Search warrants.**

A search warrant is an order in writing issued by a magistrate, to a sheriff, marshal, constable, policeman, game or fire warden to search for personal property and bring it to the magistrate or justice.

This warrant is issued only upon a proper showing under oath that:

(1) The property sought was stolen or embezzled.

(2) The property sought was used in the commission of a felony.

(3) The property is in possession of any person with intent to use it as a means of committing any *public offense*.



(4) The property is in possession of a person to whom the person intending to use it as a means of committing a public offense had delivered it.

(5) The property is desired as evidence of a violation of any of the game laws of the State.

A writ of this character is issued only on a finding of probable cause to believe of the existence of the property and that it is within one of the classes defined above. The justice or magistrate is obliged under the law to examine carefully and fully the person making application for the search warrant before he shall issue it. In the execution of a search warrant the officer may break open any outer or inner door, or any window of a house, or any part of the house, if, after proper notice of his authority to the owner or occupant, he is refused admittance. Should the officer be locked into any room or part of the building while in the performance of his search, he may break open any part of the house to secure his liberation.

Unless the magistrate or justice specify on the search warrant that it may be executed in the night time, it must be executed in the day time. A return on the search warrant must be made to the justice or magistrate within 10 days from the date of its issuance.

The officer executing the search warrant for his own protection should give an itemized receipt for the property taken to the person occupying the building from which it was removed. The law requires that this be done. If the building be unoccupied, the receipt may be tacked or posted on the inside of the building. But it would be better practice to deliver the receipt to the person in control of the building at the time the property was removed. A specimen copy of search warrant is inclosed in this volume under the subtitle, "Criminal Forms."

#### **Affidavit.**

An affidavit is a written declaration under oath, made without notice to the adverse party. It must be subscribed and sworn to by the affiant or person making the statement. The oath must be administered by an officer empowered to administer oaths. An affidavit must be specifically required by law in order to hold the affiant criminally responsible for a false representation in it of the facts.

A national forest employee as such has no legal authority to administer oaths. Forest employees should, however, secure written statements signed by the person interviewed and sworn to before the forest employee seeking the statement. Such statements are not affidavits in the strictest sense of the word, but they are commonly accepted and considered as such by the public. They should be prepared in the form of an affidavit whenever possible on account of the impression made on the mind of the person making the statement. Furthermore, a statement of this character, though not admissible as evidence as a general rule, is an index to what the testimony of the affiant will be, if he should be called or subpoenaed as a witness. Then, too, these statements are invaluable to the county attorney, law enforcement or prosecuting officer, since through them he obtains a definite idea of the testimony to expect from a witness

at a trial. A form of affidavit is incorporated in this handbook under the title, "Criminal forms."

### **Deposition.**

A deposition is a written declaration under oath of a witness outside of the jurisdiction of the trial court or unable to attend the trial because of illness or other excusable cause. The party seeking the deposition must inform the other party to the cause of the date set for the taking of the deposition, so that he may have opportunity to appear and cross-examine the witness.

Usually a deposition is in the form of question and answer. The court in which a case is being heard or to be heard will issue a commission to some magistrate or officer empowered to administer oaths to take the deposition desired. Unlike the ordinary affidavit, a deposition when properly obtained becomes admissible evidence at the trial of an accused person.

The magistrate before whom the deposition is to be made may force the deponent to attend by the usual method applicable to other persons whose testimony is required. A defendant in a criminal case may have depositions taken in his behalf, whether the deponents are within or without the State. The prosecution is entitled to the same advantage.

### **Criminal responsibility.**

No person is criminally responsible for the crime of another, unless he took some part directly or indirectly in the commission of the offense. In a criminal sense, "indirectly" does not mean innocently. If there had been a conspiracy between two or more persons to commit some public offense, all would be responsible for the crime committed, even though some took no active part in accomplishing the crime. Conspiracy is an exception to the general rule.

For example, two men are traveling together through the forest, and both have been smoking cigarettes during travel across a specified area. It is known positively that no other person besides the two smokers passed over the route traversed within a certain hour. No lightning had existed in the region during the hour. A cigarette fire was discovered within the hour on the route traversed. The presumption here is strong that some one of the smokers started the fire by a lighted match or a cigarette stub. On the theory that either one or the other must be guilty you can not hold both criminally responsible for the fire even though they admit that they were smoking while crossing the point where the fire occurred. You must prove which one is liable for the offense. Of course, if two or more persons are engaged in the commission of a public offense, and, if, while attempting to consummate their criminal purpose, any one of them commits some crime other than that intended, all may be criminally responsible under certain circumstances.

To attach criminal responsibility to anyone, a suspicion, no matter how plausible or convincing, is not sufficient. Proof of the crime and of the responsibility of the accused for it, must be clear, positive, convince-

ing, and beyond a reasonable doubt. For a definition of "reasonable doubt" see the article under the subtitle, "Evidence."

#### **County or prosecuting attorney.**

The law has designated the county or prosecuting attorney as the officer to represent the State in criminal prosecutions. He is vested with large powers in this regard. In the prosecutions for offenses against the fire and game laws of the State he is generally willing to accept the advice and help of forest employees if the unlawful acts were committed within the boundaries of any national forest or in the vicinity of one. In practice many cases are tried in a justice's court which are not prosecuted or handled by the county attorney. Furthermore, the county attorney is the legal adviser of justices of the peace in his county, and forest employees should feel free to ask his advice in matters relating to law enforcement.

## **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE IN JUSTICES' AND PROBATE COURTS OF IDAHO.**

### **Introduction.**

The procedure provided by Idaho law for the conduct of criminal prosecutions before justices' and probate courts of the State, is substantially similar to that of Montana. There are, however, nine material differences which are scheduled under this title. Otherwise, forest employees must refer to the Montana rules of procedure outlined in this volume for guidance in handling cases in the justices' and probate courts of Idaho. A probate judge in Idaho has no greater jurisdiction in criminal matters than a justice of the peace. His criminal jurisdiction is exactly measured by the statutory rules applicable to justices' courts.

### **Probate court.**

A probate court is one over which presides a judge elected by the people of the particular county. The office and court of a probate judge are usually located at the county seat. He is a magistrate under the law upon whom is conferred limited criminal jurisdiction. He can impose a penalty for a misdemeanor if the punishment prescribed by law is a fine of not more than \$300 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both. As a magistrate, he is authorized to issue, upon a proper showing, warrants of arrest, search warrants, subpoenas, commitments, and all other writs necessary to enforce his jurisdiction.

Since a probate judge is a salaried officer of the county, it is the general practice to have tried before him all misdemeanors committed within the county over which he has jurisdiction. In this way, the fees which a justice of the peace charges for his services are saved to the county. As a rule, the prosecuting attorney requires that the trials of offenses of this character be held before the probate judge. Frequently, however, the prosecuting attorney will permit the hearing or trial of a criminal case before a justice in an isolated locality especially when the cost of transporting the offender and witnesses to the county seat will exceed the fees



paid to the local justice and the witnesses. Forest employees should not put the county to unnecessary expense in handling prosecutions for misdemeanors.

### **Justice of the peace.**

In Idaho, justices of the peace are elected from judicial units known as precincts. A precinct in Idaho corresponds to a judicial township in Montana. The justice must hold court in his precinct, except when he is called into another precinct to act for another justice. He can impose punishment only when the penalty is a fine of not more than \$300, or imprisonment for not more than six months in the county jail, or both.

### **Felony.**

The punishment provided by the law of Idaho for the commission of any felony, except death, is a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment in the State prison for not more than five years, or both. This is the rule except where other punishment for a felony has been specifically provided by a statute of the State.

### **Misdemeanor.**

Unless otherwise specifically provided by statute, the punishment in Idaho for a misdemeanor is a fine of not more than \$300, or imprisonment for not more than six months in the county jail, or both.

NOTE: Felonies and misdemeanors are classifications of crime. Neither one is the distinctive name of an offense.

### **Crimes committed on vessels or trains.**

In Idaho the jurisdiction of an offense committed on a train or on board any vessel is in any county through which the train or vessel passed or in the county where the trip terminated.

### **Limitation on criminal action.**

An indictment for felony, other than murder, must be found in Idaho within three years from the date of the offense. Otherwise, the limitations are the same as in Montana.

### **Jury.**

In a justice's or probate court in Idaho, a legal jury is composed of 12 qualified persons. At the trial of a misdemeanor, however, the State and the defense may agree upon any number less than 12, or the parties may waive a trial by jury. The assent of five-sixth of the number serving on the jury is all that is required for a legal verdict in a justice's or probate court in Idaho.

### **Selection of jury.**

At a criminal trial in a justice's or probate court in Idaho, the defendant is entitled to four peremptory challenges to jurors, and the State to three. Otherwise, the procedure is the same as in justice of the peace courts of Montana.



**Witnesses.**

The rule of procedure for compelling witnesses to attend criminal trials before justice's and probate courts in Idaho is very similar to that in Montana. There is an exception relative to fees. In Idaho, a witness is allowed by law \$2 for each day of legal attendance, and 25 cents per mile one way. There is also a difference as to the number that may be subpoenaed by the State or defendants. No more than three witnesses may be subpoenaed by either party, at the expense of the county, except upon the order of the judge. This order is usually based on the affidavit of the defendant or the prosecuting attorney, showing that the testimony of the proposed witness is material, and that he can not go to trial safely without it.

## **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE IN THE STATES OF WASHINGTON AND SOUTH DAKOTA.**

**Forest employees.**

Since there is but a very small part of the National Forest area of district No. 1 within the States of Washington and South Dakota, the criminal procedure in justices' courts of these States is not defined in this volume.

It may safely be said, however, that the criminal procedure is substantially the same. There are minor differences, of course; but on the whole it is believed that the rules elucidated in the Montana portion of this work will be ample as a guide for the employees of the Kaniksi and Custer National Forests who have to deal with criminal offenses committed within their respective administrative districts. In case of doubt, ask the district forester or the local prosecuting attorney for instructions.

CRIMINAL FORMS IN USE BY UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS, STATE, JUSTICES', AND PROBATE COURTS.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT.  
(Federal fire law.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
DISTRICT OF MONTANA, } ss:

Before me, Hugh Smith, a United States commissioner for the district of Montana, personally appeared this day James Corbett, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That in the State and district of Montana, on or about the 3d day of August, 1921, Thomas A. Lawson, in violation of section 52 of the Penal Code of the United States, and within the jurisdiction of this honorable court, did then and there willfully, unlawfully, and knowingly set on fire or caused to be set on fire timber, brush, and grass upon the public domain of the United States of America, within the Lolo National Forest, against the peace and dignity of the United States of America and contrary to the form of the statute of the said United States of America in such cases made and provided.

JAMES CORBETT.  
(Signature of affiant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of August 1921.  
HUGH SMITH,  
*United States Commissioner as aforesaid.*

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT.  
(General Federal form.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
.... DISTRICT OF ....., } ss:  
..... Division.

Before me, ....., a United States commissioner for the .....district of ....., ..... division, personally appeared this day ....., who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on or about the .....day of ....., A. D. 192—, at ..... in said district, .....  
.....  
in violation of.....

(Insert section number and date of statute.)

did unlawfully .....  
.....

contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

Deponent further says that he has reason to believe and does believe that .....  
are material witnesses to the subject matter of the complaint.

.....  
(Deponent's signature.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this ..... day of .....,  
A. D. 19—.

[SEAL.]

.....  
*U. S. Commissioner as aforesaid.*

#### CRIMINAL COMPLAINT.

(Larceny of United States property.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss:  
.... DISTRICT OF ....., }

Before me, ....., a United States commissioner for the ..... district of ....., ..... division, personally appeared this day ....., who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that ....., on or about the ..... day of ....., 192—, in the county of ....., in said district, and within the jurisdiction of this court, in violation of section 47 of the Penal Code of the United States, did then and there unlawfully and feloniously take, steal, and carry away from another, to wit, from.....  
....., then and there a forest officer at .....,  
.....

(Name of forest officer.)

County, in the State of ....., personal property belonging to the United States, which said personal property then and there consisted of ....., the said unlawful and felonious taking and carrying away being with the intent then and there to steal the said property and deprive the United States thereof, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

.....  
(Affiant's signature.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ....., A. D. ....

.....  
*United States Commissioner as aforesaid.*

#### CRIMINAL COMPLAINT.

(State specimen.)

[This form is applicable in the States of Montana, Idaho, and Washington with slight modification. If used in Idaho, the word precinct should be inserted instead of township.]

In the justice court of Hellgate Township of the State of Montana in and for the county of Missoula, before Oscar Jensen, justice of the peace.

THE STATE OF MONTANA, PLAINTIFF, }  
*v.* } Complaint.  
 GEORGE W. PAINE, DEFENDANT. }

STATE OF MONTANA } ss:  
County of Missoula }

Personally appeared before me this day John H. Clack who, being first duly sworn according to law, complains and says:

That George W. Paine, accused by this complaint of the crime of leaving unquenched a camp fire committed as follows: The said George W. Paine did on or about the 28th day of July, A. D. 1922, at the county of Missoula, in the State of Montana set out a camp fire and did unlawfully willfully and maliciously leave the same unquenched, all of which is contrary to the form, force, and effect of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Montana.

Said complainant therefore prays, that a warrant may be issued for the arrest of the said George W. Paine, and that he may be dealt with according to law.

JOHN H. CLACK.  
(Affiant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of August A. D. 1922.

OSCAR JENSEN,  
*Justice of the Peace of Hellgate  
Township, Missoula County, Mont.*

## WARRANT OF ARREST.

(Federal form.)

*The President of the United States of America, to the Marshal of the United States for the ..... District of ....., and to his deputies, or any or either of them:*<sup>1</sup>

Whereas, ..... has made complaint in writing under oath before me, the undersigned, a United States commissioner for the ..... district of ....., ..... division, charging that ..... late of ..... county, in the State of ..... did, on or about the ..... day of ....., A. D. 19...., at ..... in said district, in violation of.....

(Insert section number and date of  
....., unlawfully contrary to the form of the statute in such cases  
statute)

made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

Now, therefore, you are hereby commanded, in the name of the President of the United States of America, to apprehend the said ....., wherever found in your district, ..... and bring his body forthwith

<sup>1</sup> If crime be against any of the laws or regulations, applicable to the national forests, the words "or any national forest employee" may be inserted in the warrant after the word "them".



before me or any other commissioner having jurisdiction of said matter, to answer the said complaint that he may then and there be dealt with according to law for the said offense.

Given under my hand and seal this ..... day of ..... A. D. 19.....

[SEAL.]

U. S. Commissioner as aforesaid.

### RETURN OF WARRANT OF ARREST.

(Federal form.)

Received this warrant on the ..... day of ....., 19...., at ....., and executed the same by arresting the within named ..... at ....., on the ..... day of ....., 19...., and have ..h.... bod.... now in court, as within I am commanded.

United States Marshal,

..... District of .....

Per \_\_\_\_\_,  
Deputy.

..... day of ....., 19.....

NOTE. If the warrant of arrest be executed by a national forest employee, the return should be made under the name and title of the employee, instead of under the name of the United States' marshal.

### WARRANT OF ARREST.

(Idaho form.)

In the justice court of Roughneck, precinct of the State of Idaho.  
County of .....

The State of Idaho to any sheriff, constable, marshal, or policeman in this State:

Complaint, upon oath, having been this day made before me, Daniel O'Leary (justice of the peace or probate judge, as the case may be), by C. D., that the offense of ..... (designating it generally) has been committed, and accusing E. F. thereof; you are therefore commanded forthwith to arrest the above-named E. F. and bring him before me forthwith at ..... (naming place), or, in case of my absence or inability to act, before the nearest and most accessible magistrate in and for the said county.

Witness my hand at ..... this ..... day of ..... A. D., 192...  
(and if in probate court, seal of court).

DANIEL O'LEARY,

Justice of the Peace, Roughneck Precinct,

Clearwater County, Idaho.

NOTE.—If the offense be against any of the game laws of the State, the words "game warden" may be inserted after the word "policeman." If the offense be against the fire laws of the State, the words "fire warden" may be inserted after the word "policeman."

## WARRANT OF ARREST.

(Montana form.)

In the justice court of Hellgate Township of the State of Montana.  
County of Missoula:

The State of Montana to any sheriff, constable, marshal, or policeman in this State:

Complaint upon oath having been this day made before me, Hiram Crabb (justice of the peace or police judge, as the case may be), by C. D., that the offense of ..... (designating it generally) has been committed and accusing E. F. thereof, you are hereby commanded forthwith to arrest the above-named E. F. and bring him before me forthwith, at ..... (naming the place) or, in case of my absence or inability to act, before the nearest and most accessible magistrate in and for the said county.

Witness my hand and seal at ....., this ..... day of ....., A. D.  
.....

HIRAM CRABB,  
*Justice of the Peace,*  
*Hellgate Township, Missoula County.*

NOTE.—If the offense be against any of the game laws of the State, the words "game warden" may be inserted after the word "policeman." The words "fire warden" may be inserted after the word "policeman" if the crime be against any of the forest fire laws of the State.

## RETURN OF WARRANT OF ARREST.

(State form.)

The return of a warrant of arrest issued by a State magistrate or justice should be substantially in the same form as that given herein for a warrant issued by a United States commissioner. The indorsement or return of the officer who executed the warrant should be on the back of the original delivered to the magistrate or attached to it.

## SEARCH WARRANT.

(Federal form.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss:  
.... DISTRICT OF ....

*To the Marshal of the United States for the ..... District of ....., and his deputies, or to any of them, and to any United States game warden or United States deputy game warden:*

Whereas complaint on oath and in writing has this day been made before me, ....., a United States commissioner in and for the said district, by ....., alleging that he has good reason to believe, and does verily believe, that, within a certain ....., being the premises of ....., and being situated in the city of ....., in the county of ....., and State of ....., and within the district aforesaid, there are held and concealed unlawfully, ..... and which are possessed contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.

You are therefore hereby commanded, in the name of the President of the United States, to enter said premises with the necessary and proper assistance, and there diligently to investigate and search for any such ..... and to seize and secure the same, if any such be found, and to hold and dispose of the same subject to the order of the District Court of the United States for the ..... District of ....., and what you shall have done in the premises, do you then and there make return thereof, together with this writ.

Given under my hand and seal on this ..... day of ....., 19...  
[SEAL.]

.....  
*United States Commissioner for*  
*..... District of .....*

NOTE.—Unless a United States commissioner is specifically authorized by Federal law, he can not legally issue a search warrant.

#### AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT.

(Federal form.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
..... DISTRICT OF .... } ss:

Be it remembered, that on this ..... day of ....., 19..., before me, ....., a United States commissioner for the ..... District of ..... came ....., who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he has good reason to believe, and does verily believe, that within a certain ..... being the premises of ....., and being situated in the city of ....., in county of ....., and State of ....., and within the district above named, there are held and concealed unlawfully, ..... and which are possessed contrary to the form of the statute in such case, made and provided.

.....  
(Signature of affiant.)

.....  
*United States Commissioner for the*  
*..... District of .....*

#### SEARCH WARRANT.

(State form.)

In the justice court of Hellgate Township (or precinct) for the State of .....

County of .....

The State of ..... to any sheriff, constable, marshal, or policeman in the county of ..... Proof by affidavit having this day been made before me by Henry Standish who has good reason to believe, and does believe, that there are held and concealed unlawfully certain property described as follows: ..... (which was stolen, or which was held with intent to use it in committing a public offense, or which is evidence of violation of the game laws of the

State, as the case may be) in the premises described as the dwelling house situate on the ranch of John Smith, and occupied by the said John Smith, in section 35, T. 49 N., R. 3 E. within the county of ..... State of .....

You are therefore commanded to make immediate search in the day-time of the premises above described for the property defined by this warrant, and if you find the same or any part thereof, to bring it before me forthwith, together with your return on this warrant.

Given under my hand, and dated this .... day of ..... 192..

PHILIP COHEN,  
*Justice of the Peace.*

NOTE.—If the offense be against the game laws of either Montana or Idaho, the words “game warden” may be inserted in a search warrant after the word “policeman.”

#### AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT.

(State form.)

COUNTY OF MISSOULA, }  
STATE OF MONTANA, } ss:

Thomas Spencer, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he has good reason to believe, and does believe, that within a certain dwelling house, the premises of (or occupied by) Ezra Breckenridge, and situate on section 4, T. 13 N., R. 24 W., M. M. county of Missoula, State of Montana, there are held and concealed unlawfully the bodies of two deer or parts thereof, which were killed in violation of the laws of Montana and which are possessed contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.

THOMAS SPENCER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ....., 192..

JOSEPH DESCHAMPS,  
*Justice of the Peace for Hellgate Township,  
Missoula County, Montana.*

#### SUBPOENA.

(Federal form.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
.... DISTRICT ....., } ss:

..... Division.

*The President of the United States of America, to the marshal of the ..... district of ....., greeting:*

You are hereby commanded to summon ..... if ..... be found in your district, to be and appear before me, ....., a United States commissioner for the district of ....., ..... division aforesaid, at my office, ....., on the ..... day of ....., 19..., at ..... o'clock .. m., to give



testimony, and the truth to say, in a cause pending before me, wherein the United States is complainant and ..... defendant.

In behalf of .....

Hereof fail not, under the penalty of the law, and have you then and there this writ.

Given under my hand and seal, this ..... day of ..... A. D. ....

[SEAL.]

.....  
*U. S. Commissioner as aforesaid.*

NOTE.—A United States marshal or his deputy is the only person authorized by Federal law to serve a subpoena.

#### SUBPOENA.

(State form.)

In the justice court of Hellgate township (or precinct) of the State of .....

*The State of ..... to Richard Buckhouse:*

You are commanded to appear before Isaac Hodgins, a justice of the peace of Hellgate township (or precinct) in Missoula County on July 24, 1925, at 10.30 a. m. at the office of the said justice in the city of Missoula, as a witness in a criminal action prosecuted by the State of Montana against Abram Bornstien.

Given under my hand this 14th day of July, 1925.

ISAAC HODGINS,

*Justice of the Peace,*

*Hellgate Township, Missoula County, Mont.*

NOTE.—A similar subpoena may be issued by the county or prosecuting attorney when he is investigating a criminal offense committed in his county.

#### SUMMONS TO CORPORATION.

(State form.)

COUNTY OF ..... }  
STATE OF ..... } ss:

*To the Northern Pacific Railway Co., a corporation.*

You are hereby summoned to appear before me, at my office in Missoula, Mont., on July 28, 1921, at 9.30 a. m., to answer a charge made against you on the complaint of Duncan O'Reilly for setting on fire and burning slashings within the county of Missoula, State of Montana, without first having obtained permission in writing to burn the said slashings, from a forester, or from a forest ranger, or from a fire warden, of the State of Montana.

Dated at the city of Missoula, State of Montana, this 29th day of July, 1921.

ADOLPH SCHAUER,

*Justice of the Peace,*

*Hellgate Township, Missoula County, Mont.*

# RETURN AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS ON A CORPORATION.

(State form.)

STATE OF IDAHO,  
COUNTY OF BONNER, } ss:

I hereby certify that I received the annexed summons on the 4th day of August, 1921, and personally served the same, together with a copy of the complaint in said action, on the defendant corporation named in said summons, by delivering to and leaving with Amos Switzer, the president of the said corporation, personally, on the 5th day of August, 1921, in the said county of Bonner, State of Idaho, a copy of said summons and a copy of said complaint.

Dated this 6th day of August, 1921.

PATRICK HENRY,  
*Sheriff of Bonner County, Idaho.*

NOTE.—Any competent person over 18 years of age may serve a summons. If served by a person other than an officer, such as a sheriff, constable, etc., the return or certificate of service should be in the form of an affidavit of the person who made the service. The substance of the affidavit should be similar to the return above outlined.

# RETURN AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF SUBPŒNA IN A CRIMINAL ACTION.

(State form.)

STATE OF IDAHO,  
COUNTY OF KOOTENAI, } ss:

I hereby certify that I served the within subpoena on the 9th day of August, 1921, on Roger McParland, being the witness named in said subpoena, at Kootenai County, by showing the original to the said witness personally and informing him of the contents thereof.

Dated August 10, 1921.

BRIAN McMAHON,  
*Sheriff of Kootenai County, Idaho.*

NOTE.—Any competent person over 18 years of age may legally serve a subpoena issued by a State magistrate. Should it be served by a private citizen, his return should be in the form of an affidavit similar in substance to the certificate above outlined.

# COMMITMENT OF DEFENDANT.

(Federal form.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss:  
.... DISTRICT OF ....,

..... Division.

*The President of the United States of America, to the marshal of the ..... district of ....., ..... and to the keeper of the jail of ....., in the State of ..... (or of any other jail within the ..... district of ....., to whom these presents may come), greeting:*

Whereas, ....., has been arrested upon the oath of ....., for having, on or about the ..... day of ....., 19...., in said district, in

violation of section ..... of the Revised Statutes of the United States,  
unlawfully .....

And, after an examination being this day had by me, it appearing to me that said offense had been committed and probable cause being shown to believe said ..... committed said offense as charged, I have directed that said ..... be held to bail in the sum of ..... dollars, to appear at the first day of the next term of the district court of the United States for the ..... district of ..... division, at ....., and from time to time thereafter to which the case may be continued and he having failed to give the required bail:

Now these are therefore, in the name and by the authority aforesaid, to command you, the said marshal, to commit the said ..... to the custody of the keeper of said jail of ..... (or of any other county in the district above named to whom this commitment may be presented) and to leave with said jailer a certified copy of this writ; and to command you, the keeper of jail of said county, to receive the said ....., prisoner of the United States of America, into your custody, in said jail, and ..... safely to keep until ..... be discharged by due course of law.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal at my office in said district, this ..... day of ....., A. D. 19.....

[SEAL.] .....

U. S. Commissioner,  
..... District of ....., ..... Division.

#### COMMITMENT OF WITNESS.

(Federal form.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss:  
.... DISTRICT OF ....

*The President of the United States of America, to the marshal of the ..... district of ..... and to the keeper of the jail of ..... county in the State of ....., or of any other jail within the ..... district of ....., to whom these presents may come, greeting;*

Whereas, ....., has been arrested upon the oath of ....., for having, on or about the ..... day of ....., 192.., in said district, in violation of section ..... of the Revised Statutes of the United States, unlawfully .....

And, after an examination being this day had by me, and it appearing to me that said offense has been committed, and probable cause being shown to believe said ..... committed said offense as charged, and I having directed that the said ..... be held for the grand jury of the United States for said district, and

Whereas, it appears that ..... and ....., are material and necessary witnesses on behalf of the United States in relation to the said charge, and the judge of this court having directed that the said witnesses, in default of their furnishing a recognizance for their appearance before the said grand jury, be committed by the undersigned, and

Whereas, I have directed that the said witnesses be recognized in the sum of ..... dollars each, to appear at the first day of the next term of the district court of the United States for the ..... district of ....., at ....., on the ..... day of ....., 192-, and from time to time thereafter to which the case may be continued, and they having failed to give the required recognizance:

Now, these are therefore, in the name and by the authority aforesaid, to command you, the said marshal, to commit the said ..... and ....., as detained witnesses, to the keeper of the jail of ..... county, or of any other county in the district above named to whom this commitment may be from time to time presented, and to leave with said jailer a certified copy of this writ; and to command you, the said keeper of said jail of said county, to receive the said ..... and ....., detained witnesses of the United States of America into your custody, in said jail, and them there safely keep until they be discharged by due course of law.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at my office in said district, this ..... day of ....., A D. 19...

.....  
U. S. Commissioner,  
..... District of .....

COMMITMENT OF DEFENDANT.

(State form.)

COUNTY OF BOUNDARY, }  
STATE OF MONTANA, }ss:

*The State of Idaho to the sheriff of the county of Boundary:*

An order having been this day made by me, that A. B. be held to answer upon a charge of (stating briefly the nature of the offense, and giving as near as may be the time when and the place where the same was committed), you are commanded to receive him into your custody and detain him until he is legally discharged.

Dated this 12th day of July, 1921.

JAMES MONROE,  
*Justice of the Peace of Bonner's Ferry Precinct,  
Boundary County, Idaho.*

DISTRICT 1 FOREST SERVICE OUTLINE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
REPORT.

[To be submitted to the District Forester, immediately after the termination of each criminal trespass proceeding, prosecuted in a *State* court, on complaint or recommendation of a Forest Service employee.]

——— Trespass.....  
Forest..... Date.....  
Name, address, and occupation of trespasser.....  
.....  
Is trespasser a Forest user? If so, how? .....  
.....



Offense committed.....  
 Date committed.....  
 Location.....  
 If a fire, give name, area, and brief report.....  
 Section of State penal code under which prosecuted.....  
 Plea of defendant..... Date.....  
 Tried before judge..... of  
 (Name)  
 ..... court at .....  
 (Justice's, Police, County, District) (Location)  
 Date..... Verdict.....  
 (Court of jury trial)  
 Sentence: Imprisonment (days)..... Suspended, if any (days).....  
 (Total)  
 Fine \$..... Amount suspended (if any) \$.....  
 (Total amount assessed)  
 Any other action.....  
 Name of investigating officer, and assistants if any.....  
 Date investigation started and closed.....  
 Brief summary of evidence secured and action taken.....  
 Publicity.....  
 Personal description of trespasser: <sup>1</sup> Age..... Height..... Weight.....  
 Eyes..... Hair..... Any peculiarities aiding in identification.....  
 Occupation..... Habits bearing on identification or apprehension.....  
 General reputation.....  
 Associates.....  
 Additional remarks.....  
 .....  
 (Signature)  
 .....  
 (Place)  
 .....  
 (Title)

<sup>1</sup> Necessary only for willful trespassers.

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